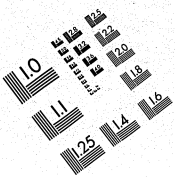

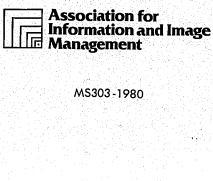

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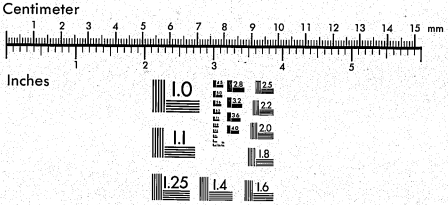


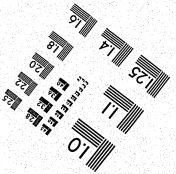

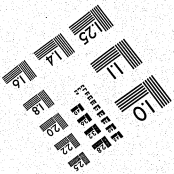

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## 1878. Deafness (D-78-001)

This folder contains correspondence relating to Edison's work on a hearing aid. Following the appearance of articles about the phonograph which drew attention to his own deafness, Edison began receiving inquiries about inventing a hearing aid. By the middle of May 1878 Edison had turned his attention to the problem and began answering these letters with a standard response which appears to have become the basis for a "sound circular."[1] By the end of the month this circular was being sent in answer to an ever increasing number of inquiries, as news of the invention spread through the newspapers. No copies of the sound circular have been found at the Edison National Historic Site.

All correspondence from March through May has been selected. Many of the letters contain marginalia providing information about Edison's work on the hearing aid and about his own deafness. Because of the voluminous nature of the rather routine inquiries which begin in June, only correspondence from significant individuals and letters containing substantial marginalia have been selected. The unselected material consists of about 600 individual pieces of correspondence. Approximately 80% of the letters are from the United States. Of the American letters, nearly 50% are from the Northeast, primarily from New York and Pennsylvania; more than 25% are from the Midwest; more than 20% are from the South; and less than 1% are from the West. Of the foreign letters, more than 80% are from Canada, Great Britain, and Germany.

E. C. Quimby, Pres't
W. W. Sibley, Treas'r

J. C. Whitaker, Sec'y
S. S. Schroeder, Supt.

The Metal Mfg. Co. 1878 - Workers

N.B.
The better to represent our business we propose to change our name to METAL STAMPING CO. January 1st 1878.

Manufacturers of
**Plain Tin, Stamped & Japanned Ware,**
Nos. 708 & 710 North Second St.

St. Louis, March 1st 1878

Mr Prof Thos A Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir. A friend sent me a "New York Sun" wherein you are described as having invented several telegraphic instruments, and knowing I had truth to get some instrument that would enable me to conduct the sound of voice to my brain through the teeth - made to attach. My hearing is somewhat impaired in the conducting aparatus, but I hear my watch or any other sound as well through my teeth as I ever did.
I thought I could use the telephone but have not been able to do it, & now I write to see if you cannot help me out of my difficulties.
Hoping to hear from you soon
I am
Yours Respectfully
E. C. Quimby

Matter came way my self have been told by several Docs there was nothing matter with my hearing only wading Cleaning out & I have continually thrown my teeth

J. C. Dalton
Mar 2 78

College of Physicians & Surgeons
101 East 23rd Street
New York March 2

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

When you mentioned the subject of your deafness yesterday, I suggested your going for advice to the Clinique of Dr Agnew who is one of our most eminent Oculists & aurists. Dr Agnew tells me however that it will not be necessary for you to go to his public clinique, but that he would be happy to see

you, on any day, at his Office, No 19 East 39th Street, for that purpose - His Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 P.M. It would be better, however, for you to go early, than late, as his Office Patients are numerous and you will not have so long to wait. If you will send up a card with your name, he will recognize it and treat you accordingly -

Yours very truly

J. C. Dalton

E. C. Grimsby Pres.
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St. Louis, March 7th 1878

Mr. Prof. T. A. Edison

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir: Your favor of the 4th inst. received. I regret to trouble you again on the subject but think you forgot to answer the principal question I asked, viz. If you made any machine by which I could get the sound of a persons voice to my sense of hearing through the teeth. I shall be pleased to know if there is anything that I can use for that purpose. If my trouble was of the same nature as yours I should very soon have it remedied but unfortunately it is not.

Yours Truly
E. C. Grimsby

University of the City of New York.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,

No. 410 East 26th St.,

New York, March 7th 1875

Mr Edison

My dear Sir

Mr Schauer will hand you this.

I am anxious to have a larger machine constructed and by that you will let him see what you have, and if possible can you let him have either the patterns or castings of your machine - I am of course ready to pay for whatever is required -

Very truly Yours

W Samuel M.D.

Will send you the preparation of the drum of the Ear first of next week.

1878 Miscellaneous

Oakland Alameda Co Cal. Nov 18th
1878

Mr Edison

Dear Sir:

I have just read an account of one of your invention (the Phonograph) in the St Jo Mo Morning Herald. I want you to invent an Ear Drum it must be very small not more than ¾ of an inch in length so as not to be seen while in the Ear, I, having lost my hearing would be very thankful for any kind of an invention

that can be inserted in the Ear
without being seen, it is very hard
for me to make a living without
my hearing. Well Dear Sir will you
set yourself to thinking on the
Ear Drum? if you can invent
one that will make me understand
all talking it will be a good thing
it is said my Ear Drum has been
injured, I think it might be
possible you may invent just
such an Ear Drum. please let
me hear from you whether you
will not try and invent the Drum
(please excuse me for the liberty I have taken) Yours r.c.o
John B. Horn
Oakland Alameda Co California

J. R. Horn
Mar 15. 1878

Say to the man
that the drum of
both of my Ears
are busted & that

I am in the same
fix as he is &
I have never succeeded
in devising any
thing that would be
suitable for the
purpose

Philadelphia March 21st 1878.

Professor Edison,

Respected Sir:

I beg to apologise for this intrusion on your valuable time; but will be brief,

Is it not possible your fertile brain, to produce an instrument to aid the hearing, when caused by nervous deafness?

I had the pleasure of seeing, and partly hearing your wonderfull inventions, last Evening at the Franklin Institute; of which I have been a member Twenty Seven years. My hearing is dull and of Thirty years standing, any information that will aid the hearing, will be thankfully received.

Most Respectfully

John Shinn

Mechanical Engineer

No 229 East Dauphin Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir I hear that you are and I have to beg to know if you can find for any thing that will help him he will for your favor immediately

Mont. Park. New Jersey Apl 1-78

Dr Sir —

I have called upon you to ascertain if among your Experiments — you had devised — aped anything which may — have of benefit to Deaf & benefitted or aided — I have a friend in Boston, Mr Michael H. Simpson who is very hard of hearing — & I had hoped that something would have been found by you — that if you found anything you would give him the benefit of this Experience or at least — give him the opportunity of paying for it — informing him by letter Dr I feel sure that this will be one of the Saints Envelopes — later on — I go away — not meeting you but feeling that at this moment letters will can be gentlemen — & that I can do nothing further — but have examined — with the greatest pleasure all I could see in your museum & would thank you — for the privilege

Respectfully

Pettee

J H Cammack
Apr 4 1878

1878-Deafness

Box 105
Wytheville, Va.
Apl. 4/78

Thos. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
N.J.

Dear Sir

Having seen an acct. taken from the N.Y. Sun of your wonderful Invts, & being, like yourself, unfortunately afflicted with deafness I have taken the liberty to ask your opinion as to the best medical aid I cd. get to enable me to hear the preached Word & song of praise (having been deprived thereof for several years), also for ordinary conversation. It did at the same

time be easily portable &
economical in price — The
deafness is partly hereditary, &
partly from catarrh of the inner
ear — Yr. kind reply wd. greatly
oblige yrs. truly

J. H. Edwards

If you have any printed circ. of
yr. numerous inventions, it wd.
not be asking too much I wd.
be greatly interested in perusing
them.

I am very deaf my self but I
and the only thing attempt I ever
made to cure it unexpected
the deafness. The only thing I
can say at present is to
Grin & bear it — Yours

Sidney April 8

Mr. Editor

Dear Sir

I am very much interested in your obstetric inventions. Having shown your journal to several medical friends they unanimously approve. That you could be any thing by way of remuneration I do not know. I am interested with some other [illegible] to see to provide for some improvements to be added to the Physician to present more readily in a [illegible]

what is spoken into it.
Then a deaf person not
could carry on a conversation
with the family or with
other persons. And not be
shut off. I am satisfied
you would find it pretty
well for it is good
to realize how among
deaf persons there are
left more attention is
turned that way.
Yours in success, [illegible]

Mr. Arnold Lomo

54 E. 25th St. City
Vet. & Med. Ass.
4/6/'78

Prof T. A. Edison,

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your reply as to my referring in my dissections to you.

As I have more than two Rosenthal's dissected in different manners & as I have never seen other eyes prepared with the

natural drums
remaining - (i.e.,
only some in Heidelberg
which were seen after
I had prepared
my specimens) I
feel much interest
in showing them to
you. If you choose
I will ~~come~~ go out
to Menlo Park any
day or evening &
we can study these
together & I will
bring the best maps
or drawings of the
ear. — I have had
the chance lately to
study Phonograph
& have thus seen how
the thing is accomplished.
But it seems to
me that it illustrates
the way we talk - mine

than how we hear.

But the Herald lays about hearing through the teeth is only true where is no obstruction of Ear Drum & where the nerve of hearing remains perfect.

As you know nothing of me, I refer you to my friends, Rev. John Pierpont, Gen. Dix or Rev. D. Dorr, or to Marlin Reed, or Gen. Fremont or to Whitelaw Reid. Yours &c

Wm. Fred. Holbrook

The Phillips referred to in line 1 can be found by [illegible]

The Messrs

Minneapolis, Minn.,
April 9, 1878.

Prof. T. A. Edison,

Dear Sir — Sometime ago, in reading a newspaper, I learned that you were slightly afflicted with deafness; and, and have given considerable attention to the causes, and cure of that infirmity, I have concluded to drop you a line, hesitatingly, however, as I do not desire to lose the world (whose good opinion I value) think me either a charlatan or a quack, being a regularly educated physician and practitioner.

I write you upon the subject, because I have invented a devised a curious electrical

made of treatment, so new and unlike all other modes that, in the end, it is bound to make its mark in the scientific and medical world.

This invention of mine was in your hands, could readily be made to pay half a million in this country or Europe, because, having (as you now have, and deservedly) a fresh reputation as an electrician and inventor, capital would flow to you for almost anything with which you might be connected, which to me, it would come slowly if at all, no matter how ingenious, how useful or beneficial my invention might be.

The little thing I speak of particularly cures deafness in some cases paralysis, nervousness, sleeplessness and mental depression; and yet there is no medicine taken, or anything of that kind. In time, as it can be made at $20 (with a profit of $10) every physician in the country, as well as thousands of families, will have one. I have a caveat, and will soon procure a patent.

To effect my cures, I do what no medicine has ever done, act upon two of the senses at one and the same time, and in harmony. I can cure you, unless there is a loss of the corti nerves of the ear, and will do so, if you will give me your confidence

R. D'Unger
Aug 9. 78

and send me one of your best photographs, for office and family use.

I address you in confidence, and shall be pleased to hear from you in return.

Yours truly,

R. D'Unger, Jr.
243 Hennepin av
Minneapolis,
Minn.

"Gospel Temperance."

"For God and Home and Native Land."

FRANCES E. WILLARD, . . . Evanston, Ill.
[ANNA A. GORDON, Private Sec'y.]

Evanston, Nov. 10. 1876

Mr. Edison:

Dear Sir:

Miss Willard has been greatly interested in the accounts of your successful experiments, inventions, etc. and wishes me to ask you if by application of your knowledge of the laws of electricity, you can make it possible for deaf persons to hear what is going on about them;

The suggestion, if it can be carried out, will prove so great a blessing to many, that I leave it with you, hoping your genius is equal to

—2—

A. A. Gordon
Aug 11. 1878

The Solution of the problem

Perg Schuchfitter Jr.

Emma A. Gordon.

Could not with their aid, more

Philadel. April 10, 1878.
No. 202 Chestnut St.

T. Edison, Esq.

Dear Sir:

We have had lately at the Hall of the Franklin Institute two exhibitions of your mechanical improvements. On the first evening, I suggested the application of your "sound interpreter" to the relief of deaf persons, and was glad that you had not as yet thought of it. A worthy friend of mine who is hard of hearing also wrote to you upon the subject, and received a very prompt and kind reply from you for which I gave you due credit at our second meeting.

Besides hundreds and thousands of devices which have been dismissed from notice in the past 50 years, and some down the vortex of time into forgetfulness, there are some which yet linger within sight and call and are still unfinished; and one in particular which I think you might aid in completing. I am entirely ignorant of your residence or duty, and I write more at a venture, inviting you to meet me at the Hall of the Institute (Seventh St. below Market St. east side) at some convenient time designated by you on a postal card — or by some means inform me when and where I can meet you for the same purpose for a few minutes' conversation.

and much oblige

Yrs. respectfully

Hector Orr,

Printer.

E. M. Graham
Apr 13. 1878

"Lilacs"
April 13th 1878.

Thomas A. Edison:
Dear Sir;

It has occurred to me while studying out and the late interested in the Daily Graphic account of Prof. Pronsnader that you may be willing to add to your well earned and longer by adding a recent discovery of mine to Prof. Pronsnader's. It is altogether in the line of your recent investigation. Imagine the principles of sound as applied to the relief of the deaf or certainly deaf. It has made but a very simple fact

my ideal. I am not deaf
mute, but have been moved
to great sympathy for those
who are. I am not able to
give away my knowledge, if
it has any practical value,
but I think it more than
glad to consider it to your help
ing if you feel interested
that it is a benefit to mank
ind to your success and your own sense of fit
ness for any return.

Permit me to offer my
grateful congratulations for
your addition to our com
fort and your own success.

With great respect
E. V. Graham.

Mt. Washington.
Baltimore County
Maryland.

Dear Sir:
I admire that you work out your plans
in detail accompanied with illustration and
from the same prepared by several persons
from Washington. Now in this stage could have
a patent your claim & work your time will be profit
ably employed.

in practicable development
my theory is in such satis
-factory shape and has convinced
that it can be made a
means of practical and com
-fortable income to the many
afflicted with deafness.
Such no chance of success more
eager, patient at hand, def
-ness is than with Indi
for whom, (which so much
has been done for the
Deaf and Blind) com
-parative little has been
accomplished. I have
given the matter a great
deal of thought and feel
I have a task on my
hands in the mechanical ability
to make it or the money to
embody what is left out

Philada. April 13 1878.
No. 202 Chestnut Street

Thomas A. Edison, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Accept my thanks for your prompt reply of yesterday. We cannot communicate satisfactorily by mail in the case mentioned. Go on and ~~take~~ deliver the deaf people if you can, and get a cash return for the service when you deliver the goods. If my blessing in advance can help either or both parties concerned you are hereby authorized to appropriate the same.

I hope if you ever visit Philadelphia you will call on the Hall of the F. Institute either day or night. If I can contrive to lay my special device before you in an acceptable way you shall hear of it again.

Yrs. very respectfully

Elector Orr.

Moor
H Miller
Apr 19. 78

Canton Ohio
April 19th 78.

Prof. Edison

Excuse the curiosity which has prompted another of the many applications with which you are undoubtedly bored! I have been extremely deaf for a series of forty years, have had no intercourse whatever with the outer world during that time except through the medium of an ear-tube such as you probably much with every day – an ordinary speaking tube with little funnel cups to be placed to the mouth of the speaker – to my very great discouragement, now or, as the mouth end of the tube has become so greatly impaired that I am obliged to throw it away – due probably to an accumulation of wax about the wire – My object in thus addressing you, was to enquire whether any one of your

inventions or any combination of inventions
might be made to supply the place of ear
vibrators! Pairs of your "Telephones" and
"Aerophones" confronted at every turn, can
you not touch & to address the dull ears of
the deaf, to bring a silence near to death?
Please consider this matter, replying at
your earliest convenience, and stating probable
cost of the new invention.

Respectfully &c
Harriet Willett

Canton, Stark Co. Ohio.

To Hart Willett

Madam

I am now working on
the problem =

Yours
T A E

Evansville Ind. April 21/78

Thomas Edison Esq:

Dear Sir:

I am a newspaper man and have read of your wonderful inventions with amazement and admiration = In reading accounts of yourself I discovered that you was afflicted with deafness, and being troubled with the same infirmity myself I have ventured to suppose that anything which would alleviate or ameliorate such defect would interest in your eyes = For years I have pondered over a remedy – or more powerful speaking, tube would assist the ears of a deaf person whose organ was dulled and not injured, as mine is = As I am no mechanic I have only succeeded in finding rapid

theories instead of practical results = With the discovery of the telephone came a new idea, and as it originated in your discovery I refer it to you for information as to its practicability =

A. a silver tube fitting closely yet easily into the orifice of the ear and reaching nearly to the drum of the ear = B. B two sensitive drums of some soft material or other substance, fine enough to vibrate with the sound-waves, yet strong enough to sustain C. a silver thread wire to transmit the sound-waves = D. a metal apron to fit upon the outer ear and flesh colored to prevent the marring of the instrument without detection = If the wire should be liable to relaxation or expansion (as you may term it) then tube could be made in two parts joined by an air tight thread screw by which it could be regulated =

Many persons are dull of hearing whose natural drums are sound = They are very sensitive to the use of clumsy apparatus = This is a rough sketch, but you will see the idea, if it has not already occurred to you = Now my business my infirmity is a great drawback = I am poor and am not able to perfect experiments = If this should prove practicable I resign it to you with only a condition that ~~I shall be~~ I may have instruments for my own use free of cost = There is an opening for sales to make an ordinary fortune =

I shall anxiously await a reply.

Your obedient servant,
Young E. Allison,
Journal,
Crawfordsville Ind.

Savannah Ga April 22 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I read all that is said in the papers regarding your experiments with much interest always hoping to find that you have applied the laws of sound to the construction of a tube, or, an instrument that will enable partially deaf people like myself to hear conversation. Now bear in mind that it is not necessary to construct a convenient or portable instrument and that we will be glad to make use of any apparatus if the volume of sound is increased. With the liberty of calling your attention to this matter of affording relief to deaf people

Yours respectfully
Charles Ellis

Mt Vernon Seminary
Washington D.C.
Apl 22/78

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Inventor
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir:-

I was very much pleased to learn through an interview with you published in the "Evening Star" of this city on Friday last that you had invented an improved Ear Trumpet - which I regard as one of the best of your many useful & wonderful inventions -

As I am myself quite deaf I am deeply interested in this invention and I am anxious to learn more of it.

Dear Sir:
I stated to the other reporter that I had considerable trouble with an apparatus to enable me to hear Musical sounds, but that I succeed to some extent in improvised way to ambrommodate; I am now making some on an improved plan which I hope to perfect & if I succeed in perfecting it I will be happy to send you one for your inspection.

Will you be pleased to give me a more detailed description as to size, portability &c and whether you would undertake the manufacture of one for me about early day & what would be the probable cost? An early answer will greatly oblige

Very truly yours

J. C. M. Somers

My address is Care of Mr. Lucas & Hamilton Co. Publishers, Philadelphia. Pa. Care of Mr. Mitchell. Pub. Church Sun. Lecturer &c

20th St. Phila. Pa.

A friend of mine here also desires one.

Jas. Somers
Esq.

EDITORIAL ROOMS,

**The Tribune.**

the inventor of so many wonderful instruments, in 5 grids his horn." He is constantly engaged in giving audiences to Congressmen, who find amusement inadequate to interest them, enthusiasms over the marvelous phonographic, enthusiastic other 'into inventions to-day improved scrapers.' Edison is very deaf—but by the aid of his ear he can hear at his back part of a Congressman's silver distinctions.

Chicago, April 22 1878

Mr Thos A. Edison,

Dear Sir.

The above item is clipped from a special dispatch from Washington to my paper. When I tell you that I too am quite deaf you may well imagine that I read the little notice with much interest. My hearing began to fail me about 16 years ago, and no medical treatment has been able to restore it loss or even arrest its encroachments. I have kept close track of the remarkable inventions your name is associated with and have felt a kindred interest in their mechanical marvels.

EDITORIAL ROOMS,

**The Tribune.**

9 Chicago, _____ 187

This item says that you two are afflicted with bad hearing and that you have invented an improved ear trumpet which as described possesses remarkable acoustic power, as proven in your use of it. Will I be taxing your time and kindness too much by asking if you have any of those ear trumpets constructed, and can send me one by Express - "C.O.D." I have tried about every kind of the market of - fords, but none of them en - ables me to hear a sermon, lecture, speech, play etc unless I am very close to the speaker - say, within a dozen feet.

Ordinary Consumption I can not bear in the family circle or [illegible] the Ministry is a sad cross never-the-less. as I doubt not it has been in your case. It mars it detracts from my usefulness in my profession as well as from the pleasures and benefits of life. I shall await your reply with even Siderable solicitude.

Very Respectfully yours,
Joseph Medill.

P.S. Mr Prest. Orton knows me well, and sympathizes with my infirmity. — Your friend Geo. H. Bliss of this city, furnished a very graphic sketch of your life and conversions for the benefit of which appeared in the Columns April 5. You have perhaps seen it.

BUSHNELL, McDONOUGH COUNTY, ILL., Apr 27 1878.

Thomas A Edison Inventor of the Phonograph
Menlo Park New Jersey

Dr Sir

I notice that you have invented an improved ear trumpet by which deaf people can sit in the back part of a theatre & hear all that is said. If this is so, you will have the gratitude of all people, especially deaf persons. Please state in an early reply if you can furnish the trumpets or if you can give a description by which I can have them made, & give prices. Three are needed in our family.

It will be a blessing indeed if you can furnish one to the deaf in the shape of an trumpet that will do the required work.

Awaiting your reply

I am truly Yours
Deafly
S S Tuttle

Stamp Enclosed.

Common wrote & say that the reporter of the paper did not make a correct statement. The object has been perfectly allowed but the apparatus is too conspicuous for experiments are now being made - Edison

Chicago, Ill. April 30. 1878.

Mr. Edison, New York

Dear Sir.

In newspapers I find an important notice for hard-hearing men, namely: that you have invented a machine giving such men great relief. If this is so, you will be so kind to tell me, where and for what price I may have one of it.

In this hope I am

Respectfully

Yours truly

Edward Liebig

439 S. Halsted st.

Dear Sir
The application is to
Complicated as yet but
practicable Experiments are being made
Edison

Referred to Prof Edison for the relief of Deaf Mutes.

Yours truly

Hilborne L. Roosevelt.

May 3rd 78

203. Broadway

Sacramento April 30/78

Mr. T. Edison Esq.

Menlo Park N.J.

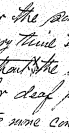
Dear Sir!

I am much obliged to you for information, and if I do not bore you please read this through if time and inclination permits you.

Since I have written my first letter to you, I have experimented when ever time permitted me, with different diaphragms, i.e covering the "⊃ wide and (a) with membranes as already mentioned having experimented with in Leipzig but then using Collodion films and zinc boards as the tubes which I believe are poor conductors of the sound wave. I used this time parchment paper and porrotype plates and found the first to be the best. The experiments consisted in placing one of those small horns inside of a larger one connecting the flexible tube to the small end and bind the end of this to ear by means of a small wooden clamp and then placing it over a small traveling alarm clock (not as large as a watch) and observe the difference in ticking with and without the small tube. Some of those contrivances were arranged with

Bonnet suggested a la telephone but those were more difficult than others. After a reasonable time with the Instrument Dr. Kingsley I could detach the flexible tube hold it about one to one and a half feet above the mouth and still hear the ticking while it could not be heard when placing the flexible tube in very close juxtaposition to clock. But mark the difference — the frogs were giving their evening concert in my neighborhood which I could readily hear without instrument — observing to determine differences of sound with the tube I went outside with it, but when applying to the ear the sound was entirely obstructed and continued thus every time the little tube with membrane was added, while without the sound was greatly increased, I judge from this that for deaf persons the larger the surface (without obstruction) the more condensed the sound.

An instrument I had constructed after my own plan in Leipzig consisted of two adapted funnels which could be slipped by means of sliding wire slipped through the flexible tube through it, the tube near the ear held by clamp and the instrument hung by means of hook to a button hole of coat lapel, the hands were free to note down and the deaf man ready to hear. This instrument is handier than the one described in last letter



* Dr. Kingsley's instrument is 12 inches in diameter (1 foot) and 1 ft. 3 inches deep — should be shorter. Dr. Bell's instrument is 6 inches in diameter and 1 foot long — should be shorter.

and the L. A. but, although the mouth took up a larger volume of the sound waves it yet was less effective than the first instrument and I ascribed it to reflection (as it was not deep enough) and enquiring further of Prof. Hankel of Leipzig when I attended the lectures on Edgaico than Acoustic, I found my theory was well established. I conversed with Prof. Hankel further on the subject during the course, and suggested that Resonators may increase the sound, but he scouted the idea, but often our Edison these learned Professors follow only in the ruts of preceding Scientists and the most often all depends upon experiments however Prof. Hankel has a well established name and Leipzig is now the largest University in Germany.

I mentioned these experiments because I take a great interest in Science and this subject alone would immortalize a man or woman for although we have instruments or devices to assist the eye, there is absolutely nothing of note yet to assist the ear, and who ever adds to it must be a benefactor to the human race for generally so far as enquiries and self observation extend deaf people are (generally) not inferior to others saying the least and without egotism.

Yours Very Respectfully
Alex. Graham Bell

C. F. G.

Hillside.

May 2. 1878.

Belmont,

Mr. T. A. Edison.

Dear Sir,

At the suggestion of your letter of 26th (this month) I have endeavored to put my theories (concerning help received from the early discoverer & inventor) into some form which would admit of illustrations, but conclude it best to simply state to you the facts in my possession and my theories concerning them. The application of these theories to practical use, I feel sure can be better made by some one familiar with the use of delicate mechanism, and because of doubt in the line of your recent

discovered. I have sought over instruct in them, and have lost to thank you for your kindly interest and friendship.

I be found by observation. From time to time, more in common with persons afflicted by deafness, has proved to me that, in addition, prime the deafness do not the result of the tympanum - hear perfectly or sufficiently for all ordinary of sounds, in an ordinary tone. When reading letters in the railroad car when in vehicles of some motion, and the more rapid the transit the better the hearing; also that the same guide - and hearing should itself in the vicinity of instrumental music, - and the greater the crash the more audible and intense the pre-

-ception of sounds - and also in a room full persons in animated and loud conversation. These facts lead me to experiment a little, so that I ascertained to my full satisfaction that on walking in the face of a sharp wind, the same result followed strongly in relief in my ears, and, finally, that a light fan (mine was of feathers) used to beat the air in the immediate vicinity of the afflicted ear - Bonaparte's ear same end. I used the fan rather to the rear of and setting forward and above the ear, into light shade strokes. With this simple but inconvenient instrument in my left hand I stood at about eight and conducted a conversation, with

Illustration

perfect ease, with a lady who always wears a bonnet, which she cannot wear at all. I found she could not use the fan herself, because the agitation of the air which it needed to be used and not generally diffused, he is such a man as to have such constitutional strength as to have such ~~some~~ not effeminate, and the strokes of the fan were better made from the wrist and fore-arm of the experimenter.

From these facts I deduce the following theory, and upon it form the objection of ship for the drafts. Reg. Bonnet is because the wearer of bonnet attract the ~~[illegible]~~ drafts of air with greater force and by a more rapid distribution of the sympathetic circumstances named, that the bulk of the bonnet

Illustration
Mon. U. Pa.

to a common is able to understand and to transmit the thoughts & words which these nerves convey to the brain. Hence I infer that any instrument to communicate thought by automatic and noiseless motion, it can produce the rapid and violent vibrations of the atmosphere in the vicinity of the telephone, will enable the listener to hear when properly adjusted, without the intervention of any other medium than that of the atmospheric air, and operate the use of the trumpet and kindred instruments, so that the deaf can hear voices, and speak, at a distance as well as near.

I have no plan of such an instrument, except one to engage for illustration, but I suggest that one might be made

to instruct me in the [illegible] matter. Being so [illegible], just above and behind the ear, having a hook in it was, when a [illegible] [illegible] and held back by and, [illegible] over the ear, to [illegible] and [illegible] floating sound, and containing a system of electric springs which should keep in motion a system of light jars.

The only evidence I have been able to find that in any way contradicts my Dr's assertion that my theory is a new one, and especially since, is the fact that I learned a few months ago from Dr. George Newman of Philadelphia (since dead) that in his youth - over fifty years ago - he knew of an old Indian (a watch-maker and so accustomed to the use of delicate springs) who carried in his hat (a coonskin indeed) a windmill, which enabled him to hear without the use of a trumpet, so that (being a Quaker) he could listen to the sermon at 'meeting' as long as the doctrine suited him, and when it didn't he would take off his hat, put it under the bench and enjoy absolute quiet! He is long since dead and his remarkable hat, the secret of which he would never reveal was lost with him. It is, of course, acting on this principle that we elevate our voices in talking to the deaf though it is very rare, if ever, sense to inquire why we do so, but that which we want is not that one voice should smite [illegible] violently that we let the voices dingle, but that some noiseless instrument should put the air into sounding motion so that it

with Crowe and with Mr. Corbin
not.

Nothing I have made my-
self plain and not overtaxed your
patience, allow me to add that this
Johnson of Barnes (as you suggest)
of that neighborhood who claims to know
not morning and has interested
in my disbursements will advise you
of my honest intentions and
reliability, together with my claim
to matters this future may show
my heirs, herein set forth, as
the works.

Very truly yours.
E. H. Graham.

Wm Canby
Atty at Law
Washington D.C.

Mr. Edw. Graham
Mr. Graham
Hilt d U.S.

The above is Judge Adams
opinion of Miss Lizzie
Date Lizzie from Mr.
dated June 21.'18

W. B. Gregory

May 3 - 1878

St Joseph Mo

May 3rd 78

Prof Edison

Sir

It is a well known fact, though it may have escaped your notice, that where some defect in the drum of the ear causes deafness, the person may be communicated with by placing a stick or some such communicator of sound between the gums or teeth of the individual speaking to the individual spoken to. Thus an Ear drum may be made on the telephonic principle by communicating the sound through wire to the

Dear Sir

I have been delayed from yr an-
and now a consideration upon the
principle you mention.
I send my ~~book~~ =

Yr Ta Edn

tech, the individual may
be made to hear clearly as
present as by the device
of the human ear —
If you have no patent
covering this Idea I
wish you would make an
instrument — after this principle
& apply for a joint patent
with me in which I will
bear my share of the
Expense —
My finances and facilities are
such that I can not experiment
or post myself on the issue
of communicating the sound
therefore I trust to your
integrity to develope the
idea
Yours in reply
Will S Fogan
St Joseph Mo

Chicago May 4 1878

Mr Thomas A Edison
Menlo Park
NJ

Dear Sir

I read many things about you & among them that you are deaf & have invented an apparatus which Enables you to hear distinctly. I make self

My hearing too is very bad although thus far I have managed in a bungling way to get along

I have a holy horror of carrying around one of these Amrond Ear Trumpets

You being deaf like myself & write your wonderful inventions

Skill — the thought occurred to me that you would probably get up something to do the work & be more pleasant to have in the house.

Will you please write me when you get leisure (if you ever do) — giving me an idea of what your invention consists of & how applied to the Car &c &c.

I will be obliged to get something for I am satisfied I get worse gradually. I want the best & I would like something not so cumbersome as the common Car Impl if I can get it &c &c

Please write me giving particulars — Cost &c

Yours truly R R Day

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Binghamton May 7 5

Mr Edison, Sir,

You unparalleled success in the science of sound induces the writer to solicit your attention to a branch of it yet imperfectly called upon.

Proper to the end of some improved method of aiding those whose hearing is very deficient. Could not you invent a Parlor Telephone, one that would relieve the very numerous class who would more highly prize the privilege of hearing a crop of corn, than would others to hear across an ocean. The writer is one of this number, and has long resorted to the use of a Trumpet, but none of them, so it appears to her, are as efficient as they might be, even a friend of your bias, to turn your attention to their improvement. Thousands are in need of relief from this great trial, for who has not a relative, or

friend, who is cut off from most of the pleasures of social intercourse?

Could church, & parlor Telephones be invented of sufficient power to reach this class none would find a wider circulation & thousands would bless the inventor.

Having reached a period in life that such an improvement could not long be serviceable to me, I am anxious to benefit others who labor under the same misfortune, by the use of improved expedients for their relief. You will then you pardon a stranger for calling your attention to this subject.

And now that the long neglected science of sound has taken hold of the popular mind, what may not we hope for!

You will readily understand what the the writer hopes for, & from your only most of all, & excuse the presumption of

Clarissa E. Ely.

EDITORIAL ROOMS,

**The Tribune.**

Chicago, May 7 1878

Mr Thos. A. Edison.

Dear Sir,

When I was giving you our mutual friend Orton as my reference, he was at the moment stricken by death's dart. His sudden demise caused me a sweeter pang than similar notice of the death of any prominent man for a long time. His fall is a great loss to the telegraph using public.

— I trust that you will be able to find time to take up the musical matter and see if it be possible to devise an apparatus to materially aid hard hearing. The eye is assisted by optical glasses.—

For the ears there is no instrument of much value — except an ear trumpet with a flexible tube attachment for your friend to talk into. But this contrivance is of little or no use in church, lecture room, opera theatre, etc. or even to know what is being said in your room or at one's table.

The number of persons afflicted by bad hearing is quite large — some tens of thousands in the United States and hundreds of thousands in Europe. If you can invent what is really needed and you know exactly what that is better than I can tell you, there will be an enormous demand for it, all over the earth, and a never ceasing one.

Respectfully yours,

A. Medici.

S. C. CORBIN & SON,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

Boots and Shoes, Rubber Goods,

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Manufacturers of CORBIN'S WATER-PROOF BLACKING—the best in use.

West Side the Park,

Washington, Iowa, May 9 1878

Thos. A. Edison

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I am quite deaf and have been informed that among other of your wonderful inventions you have invented an Eartrumpet — Please inform me if it is a success. how I can obtain one & how expensive &c. also how and in what manner do you give permission to put up your Telephone &c. do you visit an agent here and any other information. Truly &c S. C. Corbin

POST OFFICE

Johnson's Ferry

HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

POSTS, ROLLER GRIST.

R. K. BAIRD, P. M.

May 9th 1878

Mr. Thos. Edison
N. Y. City

Dear Sir:

Please excuse the liberty I take in addressing you - I have been reading of your inventions - and believe you are the man destined by Providence to invent an instrument that will be a great blessing to mankind - particularly so to those who are deaf -

The papers say you are hard of hearing - and if such is the case - you know how it is yourself - I am one of that unfortunate class and have tried a number of instruments for restoring the hearing - but none of them

answer the purpose.

I believe an ear tube something like the enclosed draft could be gotten up that would be a success. The tube could be made of silver or other suitable material and at the outer opening or at the most suitable place in the tube there could be arranged a diaphragm - artificial drum - or whatever you may choose to call it - which I think would concentrate the sound and convey it through the tube to the inner ear in such an increased volume that the hearing would be restored. I do not think the tube should be so long that it would reach the tympanum which you know is very sensitive. To make the tube more pliable and agreeable to the ears they could be enclosed with rubber and to keep them in position a rubber rim or bulb might be attached near the inner end of the tube.

Please give this your attention and if you consider it of sufficient importance I would be pleased to hear from you on the subject.

Yours truly R. H. Pains

Defiance Ohio
May 15 78

Mr Thos A. Edison

Dear Sir

As your studies connect you intimately with the science of sound cannot you investigate improved apparatus on ear trumpet by the aid of which us deaf people can hear public speaking. Be sure satisfied the doctors do not understand the cause or cure of deafness. I think electricity in some shape could be used for its cure. I read of an old lady in Nelsony 92 years old who had been very deaf a great many years who had her hearing restored during a violent thunder storm. Is it a fact that people hear through their teeth you take a stick rub one end on your teeth and

Put one end on a musical instrument when being played and the other end to your teeth and it will magnify the sound wonderfully. If you could invent something that would help deaf people it would be a great boon to them.

My wife (Clara Porter) was raised in Milan and knew your people well. Her brother Benj or "Bank" as they called him boarded at your Father's home a long while.

Respectfully Yours

A. A. Ayers

## Suggestions

What we partially deaf people most need is a small convenient instrument that we can carry about with us and hear common conversation around us.

How would an instrument on the plan of the human ear do with a drum in disk, same as telephony at the small end to repeat the sound in the ear.

How would an instrument made to draw out like a telescope according to the distance the sound to be heard do.

I have no doubt you can construct an instrument by which the sound of a cannon fired on the coast of Ireland can be heard on the coast in this side.

Musical sounds are often heard by the unaided ear

across the water.
When doctors examine the ears of people afflicted with deafness they generally say that the little bones of the ear are gone which is the cause of deafness and that he supplied by art.
As you appear to have ample income from your other patents, I would respectfully suggest that when you get a satisfactory instrument invented for deaf people that you do not patent it but make it a free gift to your fellow afflicted, or at least keep the manufacture and sale of them under your own control and let them be sold at as near cost as possible. Should it fall into unscrupulous hands they would speculate on the misfortune of their fellowmen and thus prevent many needy ones from getting them.

Very Respectfully R. A. Ayers

Defiance
Ohio

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May

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well as yr. to compl for
first use

Mr. Thomas A. Edison.
Menlo Park,
N.J.
Dear Sir,

Through the kindness of Messrs Gordon and Ripley, of New York, I was enabled to witness the wonders of your phonograph. It has long been in my mind, that some arrangement might be constructed, by the use of an artificial drum, by which the hearing of deaf could be improved. I must unfortunately number myself among the number

of those who are thus afflicted, though not so badly as some. Believing in your most marvelous powers of invention I write this to ask you if you cannot assist your fellow beings in this direction and thus alleviate the trouble of thousands, and add to your name that of immortality.

Yours most respfly
Albert F. Hall.
(Engineer)

57 High St.,
Charlestown,
Mass.
May 17, 1878.

have read & found to be
effect above Phenomena & same may
be the hearing as yet — but will
soon as you may profit

Cambridge Mass. May 17 1878
61 W. 4th Street.

Thomas A. Edison

Dear Sir

In reading a letter of Jesse Ashburner in the Chicago Tribune of the 10th inst. in which you say that "you feel sure that you will produce a practical approximation within six months" for the work that will probably be of great benefit to this numerous class of persons I have it in mind some interesting personal facts that I have thought might have suggestiveness to some inventive mind & I may have time ago thought of giving them to you to make such use of as you deem proper.

On my first trip on a Rail Road, nearly fifty years since, leaving my home Lexington to Cambridgeport Mass. the rails were laid down on blocks of Lime Stone & ~~[illegible]~~ which occasioned considerable noise when the cars were in motion.) A lady who was very deaf sat by my side, and when the cars were in motion she could hear the sounds distinctly, every word I spoke in my ordinary tone of conversation. But when the cars were not in motion before they started, or when they stopped by the way, I had to speak in as loud a voice as I could command to make her hear. This surprised me and I began to speculate on the subject, and back

ion, I cannot do so at once. I came to the conclusion that the position and power of the early in dawning or stimulated and exercise the auditory nerves as to serve as a medium of conveying my words into your ears in clear words that I shall by and speaking at least should allow, the position and house of the Cap. The position should also be enable her to hear distinctly my voice. I then conceived the idea of hinding him mentioning to be inserted in the outer chambers of the ear to be a sheer to the auditory nerves, as to produce a similar effect and effects sound, but from a disturbing influence on those upon whom conversation is intended to be held; it might be an instrument to be placed upon as a watch &c. I give you the facts as above and these ideas, and should they prove to be of any pecuniary value to you, I only ask you to give me any thing you may consider as a just recompense for their actual worth. I should say that I never had known of any experiments of a similar nature visited the one I had recently as now regard to. I am an old Weaver and well known in Kennemuth, Pa. I subscribe

Respectfully yours  Jas Challen.

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C. W. MOULTON. J. WM. JOHNSON. LIPMAN LEVY.

OFFICE OF

MOULTON, JOHNSON & LEVY,

LAWYERS.

Cincinnati, May 17 1878

Prof Thos A Edison

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir: I have just seen your letter to an acquaintance in Chicago published in today's Commercial relating to an apparatus for deafness, which you propose to invent. I most sincerely hope you will not abandon your efforts in that ~~behalf~~ direction. Your success will be a grand triumph in behalf of suffering humanity. Of whom I am one, and sorely afflicted with deafness, and all the resources to be found in the specialists, aids with well them skill and riches have never yet been able to fully comprehend the mechanism of the Ear, or of the cochlea. I am satisfied you can produce an apparatus which will eclipse any thing of the kind now in use, and add another laurel of undying renown to your name and to immortality.

My respectfully Yours

J. W. Johnson

S P Blake
May 18. 1878

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
only [illegible] so far [illegible] complication

[illegible]

May 18/78

Dear Sir,

I [illegible] mentioned in one of our daily papers that you have invented a new [illegible] which attached to the ear of a deaf person [illegible] [illegible] will enable him to hear with [illegible] the faintest sound?

If this is so you would confer [illegible] [illegible] upon a large class of mankind.

About 4 years ago I became quite deaf & am obliged to use an ear tube in conversation, the best I could obtain from London. But it does not enable me to converse with ease, to hear in a sermon or to enjoy music of which I am very fond. Now if I can obtain

one of your instruments, I would
pay a good price for it.
Our Company, I think, [illegible]
[illegible] have [illegible] about
[illegible] [illegible] Access [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be a
good person for you to consign
[illegible], as we have a large
[illegible]. I have requested [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]. If you cannot
do a better thing than give
your attention to this important
subject, I do not know [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] of your
[illegible] & [illegible] & your [illegible]
[illegible] be [illegible] by it.
I am an old [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], however, [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] in introducing [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
that I may hear from you.
I am with great respect
Your [illegible]

To
Thos A Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
New Jersey

Dumb or deaf

George's Hill
Phila

Mr Edison
Dear Sir

I have a Son - an oldest Son dearly loved - but he is somewhat deaf - I see by the papers that God has blessed you with the genius to invent an instrument to promote hearing

Will you not speedily give it to the public that we may be partakers of your benefit? The public are already your debtors and you shed lustre on the American name - and now your invention (I dare not call it your last) calls to mind the miracles of 1800 years ago

Yours Respectfully
Horace J. Smith

May 19 1878

Fall River May 20. 1878

Thomas A Edison Esq
Menlo Park N J

Dear Sir.

The enclosed is Note
lead me to make this enquiry, Please return the
newspaper copy. I have been deaf with one Ear for many
years, lost the hearing from sickness in my youth, and
now the other Ear is so that I cannot talk with a
person speak away, can with ease to 1 or 2 persons, and
by close attention can hear without speaking very loud
if the person speaks distinct. Has not been able to
use a trumpet, on account of the sound coming
like a sharp blow with a hammer or an anvil.
When I can hear the man at a little distance, language
runs into a complete chain of words, so that I
can make nothing of it, though I hear the noise.
I have had a humming buzzing, roaring noise
in my head, but am now clear from that, and

P. W. Borden
Fall River Mass.
May 20. 78

can hear somewhat better than a few months
since. Please tell me whether your new
discovery will not at any rate furnish me any relief,
and any information or suggestions you may
be able to make, may perhaps be of mutual
benefit.

Yours respectfully & your Consideration will
much oblige

Yours truly
Philip W. Borden

Mass I have 2 ears exp
and hopes soon to hear
it am just stuck on lessons
it is to cumbersome for
hubbe use

I am again at your disposal
I have 7 or 8 cases — from
which I can
only act as a person
to consult —

Mr. Edison

Dear Sir.

Having often noticed that very deaf persons are able to hear ordinary conversation while in running cars & in noisy factories, — in other words — the apparently confused sound waves of the cars & factory noises appears to modify the sound waves of the voice of the speaker, that I have been led to the conclusion that deafness results from an overcushioning of the tympanum and that the sound of the speakers voice coming to the aural nerve with the broken sound waves, acquires a prominence which the brain recognizes and during the time of the extraneous noises the afflicted person hears as well as before deafness. In one case, when I was informed, the deafness resulted from rupture of the tympanum, the same

effect was noticed - In that latter case the sound waves must have been transmitted to the brain through the aural bones & the auditive ends of the Auditory nerve. The application of this idea seems to me, might be made in your recent Auriphone by having an arrangement on the side of it, that the patient might rest a finger of the hand supporting the instrument, titillate ~~or scratch~~ a diaphragm or possibly a series of inharmonic strings to create noises simulating the car or freight noises, while the voice was being transmitted through the tube. If you think worth while to give the matter any thought or possibly experiment, I would be pleased to learn the result.

Yr Respectfully
J. R. B. Linton M.D.

755 Corinthian ave
Philad.a
May 20th 1898.

Rec'd May 26 98
Answ'd 28

F. A. Lovering
May 20. 78

Q&A in Post Letter Book as of

Post Office
Mass. May 20th 1878

Mr. Edison

Dear Sir:

I learn by the News
papers that you have invented a
new diaphram which enables a deaf
person to hear perfectly. I am quite
deaf, and would be very grateful if
you would have one of those instru-
ments made for me. —
If you will tell me the cost I
will immediately send you the amount
Please address me as above and
oblige Yours Obedt.
F. A. Lovering.

Milton Mass. is quite near Boston.

Chas Ellis
May, 1878.

1871

Savannah Ga 22 May

Thos A Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

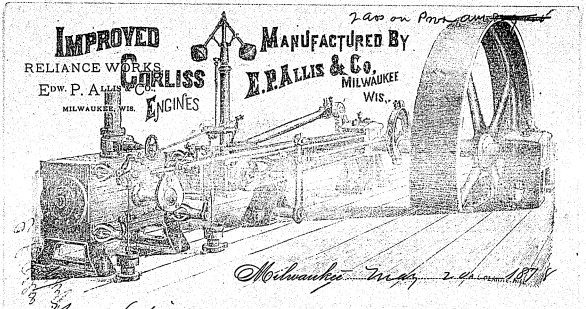
I see by the papers that you have a new invention for partially deaf people & I beg of you to write me a card concerning it as I am quite interested in the matter & cannot hear common conversation. —

Yours respectfully

Charles Ellis

2600 W. Ninth Street Army Posts

Pass on Prof. Ames




Milwaukee Wis. 2 April 1878

Thos Edison Esq

My dear Sir

Recognizing your ability in sound instruments, & learning that you also are somewhat deaf; is it not possible to have an inconspicuous artificial diaphram, attached to the Ear as an aid in hearing, & if that would be too conspicuous, could not a small artificial Ear, or diaphram, be attached to the Vest, under the lap of the Coat, with a small flexible tube extending under the Vest up to the Ear.

Pardon this intrusion but if you also are partially deaf, you will appreciate its inconvenience, & it would seem as if this Bedside discovery might be put to this service as well as higher ones.

Yours Resp: Edd. P. Allis

M. C. Stanley Deaf
May 20. 78

New Britain Ct
May 20 '78

Mr. Thomas A. Edison
New York

Dear Sir.

A day or two since I noticed in the "Tribune", an item stating that you had invented a device, which attached to your ear - you were enabled to hear. Thus removing your deafness.

Now I have a very dear friend who is quite deaf, and if there is anything by which he may be enabled to hear I should like to have him

have it. Would it be presuming too much on your good nature, to ask you to write me – if it be a fact – that you have such an apparatus? And if you have them manufactured for me?

Yours Sincerely,

M Ervin C. Stanley

Flat Rock Wayne Co Mich
May 20th 1878

Prof. Edison

Dear Sir

Having seen an article in the Evening Telegraph in regard to your inventing an instrument for Deaf Ears, and thinking it might be a "take off" on your invention power, I take the liberty of writing to you (the which I have thought of doing for some time as I have long thought that there could and would come time to something of the kind invented) to find out whether you have invented such an Instrument, and if not would like to know your opinion in regard to the Invention of an Instrument that could be inserted into the ear and not protrude much, that would catch sound and convey it to the inner Ear and thereby enable a person that is fixed as I am, partially Deaf, to hear passably well, say common conversation. I dont expect any instrument could be gotten up ~~so~~ that would enable one to hear very acutely, say the purring of a Cat as your last Machine is advertised, but if I could get so I could hear common conversation well it is all I should ever expect, and more than I now

C. Hitchcock
May 20

effect. I would give any amount if I only had good Ears. You would confer a great blessing on humanity if you could get up something of the kind. There are a number around here in the same fix. I believe I could sell one or two dozen pairs inside of a week if they were not too expensive as some would look at the expense but I would not look that may one moment if I could be benefitted. If you can and can do invent any thing of that kind please let me know when completed, also full particulars & price. Should be pleased to sell some for you as I know how to pitch any one situated in that way. Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience if it is not asking too much of you and by so doing oblige

A poor sufferer from Deafness
Yours Truly
Merle Hitchcock

B. Bellingham
May 21. 78

Philadelphia
May 21

Mr Edison
Sir

In the Press of Friday last, I see it stated that you had invented a diaphragm to be attached to your ear, drum, or other and condenser sound vibrations

as to enable you to hear with ease the slightest sound.

Can this diaphram be used by any one - I suffer from partial deafness and would be so thankful to procure something to assist the hearing, more con-

-venient than the ordinary ear-trumpets.

Would it be too great a tax on your time to give me some information regarding your invention —

With respect
Francis Billingham
No 639 W. 15th St
Philad.

To Mr Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

POST OFFICE

Pinhook Ferry

HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

R. K. BAIRD, P. M.

May 21 1878

Mr. Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

Your note in relation to ear tubes, to hand. When the instruments are ready for the public I would be under many obligations if you will notify me of the same as I have a great deal to try them.

Yours truly
R. K. Baird

Mifflintown
Juniata Co
Pa
May 22/78

Wm A. Edmunds Esq
Dear Sir

I learn by the Record that you are the inventor of an Ear trumpet that gives you satisfaction. You would oblige me by informing me the Price for 2 if as I am afflicted with Deafness.

Also the Price of your Speaking Phonograph

Respectfully Yours
J. F. Emmert

"Hillside"
Mt. Washington.
Baltimore Co.
Md.

T. A. Edison.
Dear Sir

You will, I am sure, excuse my impertinence if you have received a letter from me written about a fortnight ago, and mailed from here. Not having heard from it, I fear it may have miscarried; and as it contained all I

had thought out concerning help for the deaf. I am, very naturally, anxious that it should not be lost. I learn, through a friend, that you have made a recent invention of an artificial ear, by which, hearing, even to the afflicted, he comes to acute as to detect the fall of a pin. I need not add how interested I am to hear more about it, and how sincerely I congratulate you

on the success which I hope it has met with. I shall be glad to hear from you when you have determined upon the day for your visit to Washington, and have arranged for the necessary passes. My wife and I are not this year in Belmont. If you find the delight of going and staying at a double entrance door, it will be a great pleasure to us to have you make it your home. If it happens that you are detained in Washington, let us know.

May God grant it Divine aid. But, you must be remembered by all such com-
-ments & for which you must be made
Pardon me. With great respect, yours
truly
E. T. Graham

May 22 '78

Boston May 22d 1878.

Mr Edison

Dr Sir.

It was with a feeling almost amounting to ecstasy that I read in the papers a few days since that you had invented an instrument whereby deaf people are greatly assisted in hearing. I have long felt that there might be something invented of greater efficiency in hearing at a distance than the common Ear Trumpet or any of the usual appliances. I am very thankful that you have taken up this long neglected branch of Aural Surgery, for if there is a man in the world who is competent to bring relief to the afflicted

fraternity of deaf people, I am sure you who are so thoroughly the master of the science of sound, are the person.

And now will you be so kind as to inform me if I am correctly informed and if it is in the market and how it can be obtained that I and a host of other unfortunates may avail ourselves of its friendly help—

Yours &c

Mrs E. A. Ellis
28 Edinboro St
Boston
Mass

334 BEACON STREET,

BOSTON,

T. D. Edison, Esq.,

May 23. 1878.

Dear Sir,

Your inventions have challenged and then fascinated my close attention. The exhibition here has been to me one of the most interesting entertainments of my life — experience — in its promise of marvellous practical application in the immediate future.

But I crave a word

information as to the invention recently reported by which you have relieved your own deafness.

My wife has long had impaired hearing; now gradually increasing with years - from a punctured tympanum in scarlet fever.

Please inform me what you have devised that is aided you - can you supply the same at once? At what cost? Is it an attachment to the ear or to an ear trumpet? Yours truly

Franklin W Smith

Dear Sir

Thanks for your letter of information of 23rd inst, and when your instrument is completed will thank you to give me the information, and avail myself of its use if practical.

Yours truly
P. D. Barber

Paulsboro
Jan 26 (?)

Sound-City Sent
June 25-78

Yellton Del May 24th

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

In a late paper I have seen it stated that you are inventing an instrument for the benefit of deaf people, and as I am one of that afflicted class, and know of no way to ascertain whether your invention has been completed, or not, I have concluded to apply to headquarters for information.

Ever since I first heard of the Telephone I have looked with eagerness for something of this sort, and have devoured any and everything that was connected with these inventions, or your name.

If you can produce anything that

will enable the unfortunate fellow sufferers, who are so cut off from all social privileges & and almost from intercourse with their fellows to have [illegible] opportunity of [illegible] their race; you will observe and have the enduring gratitude of many a distressed one.

Will you please inform me whether this invention of yours has been perfected, whether you have them ready for sale, and at what price.

With eager longing (and hoping that I do not trespass on your valuable time), I remain

Yours truly
E. A. Boynton

Address Miss E. A. Boynton
Dolton
Del

IMPROVED OLD GROUND PLOW.

LA HARPE CULTIVATOR.

BUSHNELL, McDONOUGH COUNTY, ILL., May 26 1878.

T. A. Edison
Menlo Park
New Jersey

Dr Sir

Your May 1st letter was duly rec'd in which you informed me that the 20 transmitter received was a success, but to complicated. Excuse me for my seeming impatience in addressing you so soon again upon the subject. It may be probable that amid your other studies experiments & circulations that the so numerous inventions appliance to aid deaf people to hear will fall into the back ground & not receive the attention from you that it deserves.

If you can succeed in perfecting a something by which the unfortunate people, who are so numerous, can hear & which is practical. You will richly reap the gratitude of multitudes.

It is my prayer & the wish of thousands that you will succeed & that soon.

As soon as you have anything to communicate on the subject a letter from you will be very gladly received by

Yours Very Truly
S J Tuttle

Orange New Jersey May 21st 18

Sir

I see by the Morris Daily Advertiser that you have added to your other Wonderful Inventions a Diaphone to avoid the hearing being very deaf I am very anxious to know if there is any place in Newark or Adjoining where I can be cured. I suppose my trespassing on your generous time and Patience would be a great boon in such a sad affliction.

Yours Respectfully
Selina F. Schridge

Riggs House
Washington D.C.
May 26 78

Dear Sir Seeing by the papers that you have in contemplation a mission for the Arab and I know every fourth in your executive genius that as soon as your health is spring will please have me call to Akong notices as may therein be very hard and if with it will bring to one

Yours &c Blasius Reich

(May 27, 1878)

Prof. Blake of Boston showed me some drawings of Ear

Prof. Edison,

Sir.

I presume you have seen all the dissections of the human & other Ears, but if you care to see some nice ones which I made many years ago, I shall feel much pleasure in showing them to you at any place you may choose — unless you can come to

Mr. Hoskins
and Jane 5 '78

May 2 '78

See them any a.m. during my office hours.

It appears to me that there is a secret yet to be found as to how we hear — & also how those who cannot hear — may possibly be made to hear better,

Respectfully,

Wm. Pret. Ashcombe.
54 East 25th St.,
N.Y.

27 May 1878.

T. A. Edison, Esq.

~~T. A. Edison, Esq.~~

Philada. May 27, 1878.

Dear Sir,

At the fair exhibition of your improved Telephone in the Hall of the Franklin Institute, I suggested the application of the principle to a portable instrument for the relief of personal Deafness. I am informed that you have produced such a machine which is measurably successful in the directions indicated by me; and I think it will be desirable to exhibit a specimen of it at the next monthly Meeting of the Institute.

A most deserving and ingenious friend of mine (who is quite deaf) wrote to you upon the subject, and received from you a prompt and kind reply; and he wishes to test its effectiveness. If you send on a machine to the Institute we will give its fair trial, which may add to your satisfaction.

Yrs. very respectfully

Hector Orr,

Brister

Board Circular

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Circular

Covington, Ky. May 27 / 78

Mr. T. Edison Esq.
Dear Sir

Yours, of the 23d in answer to mine, came to hand, and was read with interest. I am somewhat aged of hearing - being now 76 years of age and an old Preacher. I hope you will succeed in your new experiment for the benefit of the deaf - nothing is more needed than an instrument to enable us to hear, or their assistance & relief. Allow me to offer a few suggestions. I suppose that nothing will probably the life or destruction of the Speaker's voice but great relief may be granted to the partially deaf from any cause. I think that an instrument that would convey the sound of the Speaker - less rapid, intense - with sound, ~~would~~ might be the one needed, as the trance on which the voice of the Speaker would enter the ear. The vibrations should be as quick as could be made so as to stimulate and give temporary vitality to the nerve of hearing. You may have heard also from the door in the streets cries "Rags, Rags"! His voice is low and plaintive, and the R in Rags has the sound of a W "Ragz" as given by him, and yet how distinct and clear, above all other sounds in the streets. He is an old Dutchman and he always cries - "O-Oh", instead of "Old Clothes" giving the vowel sounds and no other. The distressed traveller on his call to the Ferry Man

in his ear, or the breast on the other side of the liner, never in a sharp or coarse tone of voice, cries "Fire". but rather in a little voice a little attenuated, and he is always heard.

Perhaps an instrument might be made to cover the ear, or partially to enter the outer chamber of a vibratory character, to effect the designed object; for the knight be held in the hand on occasion would demand.

Have you experimented with gold foil - copper - brass or bell or with tin?

And now a hint on another branch of the subject. Can you not remedy the common defects in public halls, churches, court houses by some applications of your phonograph? a thing quietly studied.

With great interest in your contributions to sci, I am respectfully yours

J. W. P. Allen

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL
PRINCETON
NEW JERSEY

52 Barnard Ave
May 7 78

May 27 78

Dear Sir

Having been deaf nearly all my life, I have hoped - after vainly trying all the so called "trumpets" that some one would arise who would really render an aid to hearing. Now I think - and a wonderful discovery I should have tried my hard myself

I have looked to you ever since I have observed how perfectly articulation is transmitted along a cord of twine - and have known you feared as ~~certainly~~ the inventor of a machine which is sure one of the wonders of the age.

Perhaps however I should not have

taken the liberty
of writing & I
have been told
that it is stated
in the newspapers
that you have made
or can produce
an instrument which
will really enable
a deaf man to
hear;

One of the first indications
of deafness is failure
to distinguish articulation
— and the "hearing" aid as confusing
as the unaided ear
My deafness has not
prevented me for 40
years from discharging
my duties as an
Officer — It is about
the same as that of
my brother Dr Barnard
of Columbia College
whom I believe
you have met
I should be glad

New York

to learn whether
you have really
any thing which can
offer us any hope
of relief.

I am very Respectfully
Yrs
J. G. Barnard
Admiral Sympson
&
Bd May Jud. Hdq.

12 West 35th St.
May 27th 1878

My dear Mr. Edison,

I beg to enclose you a letter which has been handed me by Dr. Buck. I hope you will gratify Dr. Black by a reply.

I have been giving the subject of artificial drum=heads some attention myself and should be glad to learn of any advancement you have made in that direction.

I remain

Sincerely Yours

Samuel Sexton M.D.

Dr. Black is a leading physician of Ohio.

[ENCLOSURE]

"DR. THOMAS A. EDISON'S ANTIPHONES for the deaf. Mr. Tillman, who, with his usual enthusiasm, is fond of what does, writes to the Herald, gentlemen that he has invented a new phonograph, which, notwithstanding the very great number and enormous sums already spent on it, promises to be, without a doubt, the greatest marvel ever that of the phonograph; this is the antiphonal, or tube, phonograph, or Antiphon, and is phonograph, so called because from the speaker, registered in a tube instead of the ordinary phonograph, one may apply it to his ear. In a crowded room one may hear the words of a speaker, as on almost incredible distance."

Newark Ohio
22nd May 1878

Dr. Albert H. Buck:

My Dear Sir:

I fear you will think me troublesome yet in my trouble I can think of no one in the city of your home, more likely to aid me than yourself; hence this letter and your pardon.

You may recall the fact that my hearing has become so impaired as to seriously interfere with my practice, and seeing the other day the appended clipping I thought now is my chance of catching through that unique genius Edison. If he has, or if one of his diaphragms can be procured I will pay almost anything and beg his pardon besides. I do not know his post office address or I would write him directly. Will you be kind enough to forward to him my request, or if any of his instruments are on the city to have one forwarded C.O.D. and much oblige —

Yours truly,

J. K. Buck,

Sound Current Signal Patent Invention

Savannah Ga 28th May 1885

Thos A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I am very glad to have from you an letter of 23 inst that your attention is directed to the invention of an instrument for the use of partially deaf people and was much interested in what the Boston gentlemen said who paid you a recent visit.

I hear no sound from the swell of the ocean in quiet weather when it spends itself upon a beach but can hear the roar when it strikes a cliff.

Cannot sound waves be amplified by a diaphragm with same effect. — or cannot such sound waves be rolled up & made more effective as the ocean swell is rolled into wave by a bar at the entrance of a harbor. My & say that I do not expect you to reply & this will not potentially & have from the newspapers the

Results of your present investigations

Yours Respectfully
Charles Eliot
Jr.

Mr. Jones

Dear Sir

I am very glad to know from your letter of the 22nd that you are well & that the work on the Pumping Station for the new Brookline Water Works is so far advanced that you can hardly be at a loss for results. I hope you will be able to get the data that you need for the report in a short time.

I have no news from the work. It seems to have been decided that it will be best not to do any more work on the Pumping Station this year. Consequently there will be no occasion for your coming here. I shall be glad to see you whenever you can come, but there is no hurry.

I shall be in Boston on Friday & Saturday of this week & shall be there most of the time during the next two weeks. I shall be glad to see you at any time when you happen to be in town.

Yours truly
Charles Eliot
Jr.

Chas Tainter
May 29.78

Grimsby May 29th 78

Sir - I am partially deaf and have read of your inventions with much interest, not only because of their amazing originality and utility, but I have thought perhaps the discoveries made and which are embodied in your inventions as to the methods and principles of conducting sound & ~~vibr~~ vibration of sound might lead to the invention of

something convenient and simple for enabling the partially deaf to hear at least conversation at a short distance. Perhaps you already know how this can be or know of some principle that could be utilized in making a convenient apparatus for helping the deaf to hear. I am sure if you could invent something of this kind it would pay you for the time & trouble and could be shown a great boon on many of those afflicted as I am. If you think of trying to do so or already know of something will you please let me know. Yours truly

A. Seelig

(To Thos. Edison Esq)

Address
Rev. A. Seelig
Wainsboro, Pa.
Ont. Canada

recd
N. Livingood
May 25 78

Phila'd May 29. 1878.

Mr Thomas Edison.

Dear Sir.

I see in the public prints that you have invented an ear trumpet or contrivance for the ear which is said to be a great improvement.

I am exceedingly anxious to procure it for my own use and will pay liberally for such help.

Please inform me what it is - and what the price may be & believe be ever obliged to you

Very truly yours

Wm H. Livingood

address -
144 South 6th st.
Phila'd

Steubenville O. May 30th 1878

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a paragraph clipped from a newspaper. If you have invented the instrument therein referred to I would like to get one for my mother whose deafness is a serious annoyance to herself and to others. Ever since I saw a discription of your "Phonograph" I have thought it possible to apply its principle to an instrument to assist the hearing and think the subject most worthy of your consideration.

Excuse me for troubling about a matter so purely personal, but it is one in which I am much interested and if your device is really effective and convenient I would be willing to pay a large price for it.

If you will be kind enough to answer

my note it will be a great favor
to me indeed

Yours Respectfully

Frank E. Fickes

Box 410 Steubenville
Jefferson Ohio

...ville Route, Oc...

Mr. Edison, who is will be remembered, is somewhat deaf, writes to a Boston gentleman that he has invented a new diaphram, which attached to his ear, so gather and condense sound vibrations as to enable him to hear with ease the slightest sound, even that of the dropping of a pin. It is his intention in the future to apply this to the phonograph, so that speeches or debates may be registered at a distance from the speaker. At present one may apply it to his ear in a crowded assembly and catch the words at an incredible distance.—Philadelphia Press.

W. A. Stuart, President. Geo. W. Palmer, Treasurer. F. B. Hurt, Gen'l Supt.

**HOLSTON SALT & PLASTER CO.,**

**SALT MANUFACTURERS,**

Saltville, Va., May 21st 1878

Dear Sir,

Having seen a notice in the Gazette of an instrument invented by you (the Auriphone) I write to know whether the instrument has been perfected and whether you have them for sale. I am very deaf cannot hear ordinary conversation have tried several ear trumpets but as yet have found nothing in them that I could commonly use. I enclose envelope addressed to myself and would be much obliged if you will let me know as much about the instrument as you can by return mail. I am living in the store here and find it very difficult to attend customers especially ladies.

I am Yours Very Truly

W. L. Buchanan

Phila., 1004 Chestnut St.,
Saturday, 6. 1. 1878.

Dear Mr. Edison:

I shall be glad to learn when your contriving for multiplying the duplexes has reached the point of readiness for general introduction. I am talking business.

A gentleman in Boston, who knows me through such dealings as prove men to each other, and has great confidence in my energy and trustworthiness, writes urging me to show myself to you and apply for the

General Agency for this device. It strikes me, too, that hardly any man alive could serve your interest more faithfully or effectively than I. My medical education, business experience, wide acquaintance and sympathies, and my present freedom from obstructive entanglements, fall in with such a suggestion.

You are doubtless overrun with visitors. I merely drop this hint, therefore, hoping that further acquaintance and some arrangement to our mutual advantage may follow.

Appreciatively Yours

L. L. Dean.

Rufus Hatch's
Jas. L. Anthony

Rufus Hatch & Co
17 Exchange Place,

New York, June 6 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N J.

Dear Sir

I noticed in the papers a few days ago that you had invented an apparatus whereby a deaf person could hear perfectly and the object of this letter is to enquire if this is so. and if the diaphragm can be obtained and at what price.

I have been perfectly deaf for nearly 2 years and suffer a great deal of inconvenience. If you will kindly mail me a line in the enclosed envelope in reply to my enquiry you will lay me under many obligations.

Very respectfully
Wm. Rexton

Philada. June 6, 1878.

Thomas A. Edison, Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have your late favor in reference to the contrivance for relief of deafness, and congratulate you upon your prospect of success. I appreciate the difficulty of making the device sufficiently portable. I think the inner side should embrace the whole ear, the outer side be made to expand when in use and then be folded or rolled into small dimensions for the pocket.

Wishing you all success and engaging to make known the completion of the machine, I remain

Yr. truly

Wilson Cox

Form 11.

# HALF RATE MESSAGE.

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D. H. BATES, Gen'l Sup't, Atlantic Division, New York.
E. D. L. SWEET, Gen'l Sup't, Pacific Division, Chicago.

ALBERT B. CHANDLER, *Secretary.*

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Dated, 146 Bway

Rec'd June 8 187

To Friend Edison: I notice you've "dug up" what you have christened the "telephone" It just adapted to the wants of an aunt of mine who is quite hard of hearing. Do you intend to put them in the market and if so do you think I can get one for an amount not exceeding the National debt—

Yrs Very truly— Russell D. Riley

Boston Automatic A.T.P. Co—

Tow Mfg. Dept. & Co., Printers, 18 Vesey Street, N. Y.

War Department.
Washington City,
June 10th 1878

Personal

My Dear Sir.

The newspapers say that you have perfected your Ear trumpet and that it is a success and a great relief and blessing to deaf people. Is such the fact? If so will it aid an old gentleman, whose deafness is probably the result of old age, to hear

Aug 3d June 11 78

Conversation or public speaking?
My father - now over 80 and in
good health - enjoys conversation
~~but~~ much, but is so deaf that
it ~~is~~ is with great difficulty
~~But~~ he can engage in it, and
I should like much to be able
to obtain him, When and
where can the instruments
be procured?

Very truly Yours

Geo W McCrary

Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Boston June 10/78

Mr Thomas A. Edison

Dear Sir

Having seen a good deal of late in the papers of your inventions in regard to magnifying sounds I want to ask if you have anything that one who is hard of hearing can be improved in hearing. I mean besides the common ear trumpet and conversational tube

If you have anything please write where I can get it and the price

Yours truly

G. A. Pillsbury

Boston June 13th 1878
No 1890 Washington Street

Mr. Edison.

My dear Sir.

Dr. Clarence J. Blake, a brother Otologist in this city, and who has recently visited you by your request, has advised me to put myself in correspondence with you in relation to my work on an instrument which I call the "Cranio-phone", because to be worn on the head, and performing some part of its function by conduction through the cranial bones as well as by direct sounds concentrated in the instrument, the whole being covered by a hat or cap, and completely invisible except about an inch on either side of the beautiful little silver tubes which fit into the ear. It also has membranes, and is constructed exactly on the principle of the human ear - with conductive arrangement between the two drums, Membrana tympani propria & secundaria.

For four years I have, off and on been at work in this direction, determined to produce an instrument that would at once become popular, not only by the deaf, but by those who wish a little better hearing, "in the back seats"! Being myself a deaf man, an Otologist by profession, and now unfortunately suffering by a gradual increasing impairment, has been

the soul indeed—not (as my soul is in it) — for I will not wear a projecting horn if I never hear! Well, my labor, only known to Dr. Blake and a few of my deaf friends, had become quite methodical — when lo, the Telephone broke out, and I betook myself to new experiments — with which I am not yet quite satisfied, ~~with~~, for I do believe in the ultimate future, if not before many years, I may say — month, the principle of the Electro-Magnet will be a part of a perfect instrument — But you may say, as others do, how are you going to manage your "good ear"? Of course this no sensory instrument, may be answered that so long as your feet are on the ground, your body is the conductor, and as for the vibration will solve the problem. The experiment of Prof. Hughes are eloquent in this direction — but on this subject more anon —

Again — having arrived at a good degree of success, or thought I had, the "Phonograph" was announced — and in conjunction with that — the "Telephone" I and I am now flat! I do not know really what to do, and was about to throw my labor all to burial — when Dr. Blake informed me that I was still on the "inside track", and that the elements of our respective labor might in some [illegible] be united, unless you had reached the ultima thule of success "over anything that he saw at his late visit", astonished as we are at paper accounts and also in your late

Pamphlet, now selling in this city, which gives a very happy idea of what we deaf people may expect as coming from such a reliable gentleman as yourself — My darling hope in you is that you are little deaf — (Dr. B. says nearly as much so as I am) and on that account you will never lose enthusiasm for the work you have so nobly begun — Indeed I am so overwhelmed with delight to think you have arrived at such good results — that I would fail delightful to lead a delegation of deaf people to bless you — and here I quote an extract from a deaf clergyman in a note just received — "As to the ear trumpet, I only hope you will put yourself in communication with Edison and that one inventive genius will give the world the thing the deaf are groaning for — something to be worn on the ear, or in it — with the convenience of spectacles on the nose — my heart fairly beat with joy when reading of Edisons discovery and invention!" and further on he says — "I make two dollars to help the correspondence — and would gladly give two hundred if my means would allow" I think quote this aspirin clergyman — because I have been greatly assisted by him and others (deaf) in my extremely labor in this direction by gifts of money &c — to carry on my experiments —

My little now altogether long must now close

for the next mail – I can only say that such a gentleman as Dr. Blake between us, one conspicuous and perhaps a future confrere – will benefit us both for the good thing to come.

I am, My dear Sir
With great respect –
Very truly Yours
Adam Young M.D.

We are at sea all
the time slow
but sure going to
keep them at it if
it takes 10 years
Your every ideas keep
Encouraging & Moses

Sincerely yours
A. Young M.D.

SLATER CRAWFORD. R. A. BONNER.

OFFICE OF

# PANOLA STAR

CRAWFORD & BONNER, PROP'S.

Address JUDGE T. J. GILMORE, Dublin, Miss. Lock Box 212.

Dublin, Miss. March 16th 1878

My Dear Sir:

Will you please endorse this to Mr Edison the inventor & tell him that am. I want one of his Circulars relating to his invention for the benefit of deaf persons. I see he has not time to write letters but has prepared himself with Circulars to impart all needed information. You know how deaf I am & can inform him & yr attention will oblige.

Yours &c
A. A. Cummings

Wtn, Dem, June 24.

Friend Edison:

Please answer this poor fellow, & oblige. Yours

Amos Cummings

Ans'd July 8 '78
"Alice Logan Dikes
Pandy & Wales

Paris, June 20. 1878.

Mr. Edison:
Sir:

Our latest news from America brings the intelligence that you have invented an aid to defective hearing, called the Megaphone. I am deeply interested in your wonderful discoveries, and have recently written a letter to the New York Graphic concerning the phonograph, as seen on the Boulevards. Being hard of hearing myself I take a vital interest in anything that relates to the amelioration of that disability, and my object in writing to you is to ask you on what terms you will give me the right to

this patent for Great Britain and the continent of Europe; or either, or both. I should throw myself into the occupation of making the instrument known with all the fervor of a lone: factor to my race, and to spread its fame would be with me an enthusiastic labor of love. If the megaphone possesses the qualities I hear it does, it seems to me I am the person of all others to take it up, as the temperance lecturers imbibe father I, being somewhat of myself, could be exhibited to the public as "an awful example."#

Please let me have your reply in all haste, and hope it will be favorable to my request. Yours most truly,

Olive Logan.

P. S. Please address me — Mrs Olive Logan Stico
care United States Consul,
Cardiff, Wales,
Great Britain.

# This is intended as a joke. But for fear you should misunderstand it, let me say that the matter should never be treated in any other spirit than that of perfect dignity.

L. HUMBERT,
**Saddlery Hardware,**
Leather, Findings and Hides.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 21 1878.

Mr. Thos. A. Edison.

I want to get two of your instruments to wear in my ears so I can hear. I have been deaf for over seven years - caused by scarlet fever. I am stone deaf in both ears. I can tell when any loud noise is made but cannot hear any thing. I want those kind of instruments that will cause a person to hear a mile. How much do you ask for a pair - and can I put them in my ears myself? Please to answer soon as you can - for I want to have my hearing restored if it is possible. I am ready to send you the money as soon as I hear from you if your instruments will do me good.

Address
Charles C. Martin
Sioux City Iowa.

U.S. Coast Survey Service.

203 Hoyt Street

Providence R.I. June 28th 78

Prof. Thos. A. Edison

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

Will you please inform me if the "Megaphone" or instrument you have invented to relieve deafness, is for sale anywhere, and if so, be kind enough to send me the address & the price, that I may secure and obtain one -

I unfortunately have been growing deaf during the last two years, & medical science does not seem able to help me, but your recent inventions I trust will make our affliction hereafter if not cheerfully pleasant -

If the instruments are not for sale, can you advise me how long it will probably be before they will be in the market? and oblige

Yours Respectfully

Herbert G. Ogden

Assistant U.S.C.S.

No 1 Abingdon Square
New York City 9/24/78

Dear Sir:

I have read in several papers notices concerning your Megaphone, and the part it is designed to supply among the partially deaf. I am included among this unfortunate class, and as you have not discontinued answering questions for persons desiring to learn more of your inventions, I take my turn by submitting a few questions concerning the Megaphone, and trust to your kind consideration, regarding a favorable reply. About four years ago I became partially deaf in both my ears. Since then I have been unable to hear when I am spoken to, excepting when I allow the operator to shout in my ear, a practice I have a great disinclination to, and do not feel justified in encouraging it in the minds of others. I can distinguish sounds like those produced in waiting, also when wagons pass in the street. Music I can also hear when quite near the instrument, but it seems somewhat confused to my hearing, so that I do not receive much pleasure from it lately.

The questions I desire to ask, and answers to

which I should be very grateful to receive, as here I will you kindly inform me whether in your judgement and after considering the facts concerning my case, than you think the Megaphone would be of use, by making me able to understand intelligently when spoken to. Perhaps it will not enable me to hear with the same distinctness as it would do in a better case, than mine, yet I would be equally delighted should it enable me to hear the voice of my friends, however faintly. Secondly, what is its cost, the mode of using & the retail price you charge for one?

I beg you, sir, to excuse my inquisitiveness in thus trespassing on your valuable time & patience. As you may imagine, I am very anxious to know if the megaphone would be of use to me, in my present condition, as it would be of inestimable value to me to know others once more.

Sincerely hoping sir, to receive a favorable answer to my questions, with such additional information concerning the Megaphone usin your opinion would benefit me, I beg leave to subscribe myself

Your obedient

Servant Charles W. Hathaway

P.S. I omitted above to mention that I have never used ear trumpets or any other contrivances, as I have generally had about of understanding when spoken to, by the aid of (speaking) with the same respect sir

I remain

C.W.H.

To

Prof. Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park
New Jersey

Clinton Wis June 25th 1878

Prof. Edison

Dear Sir. I took the liberty to write you last winter in regard to the Tele Phone hoping some kind of a phone might grow out of it that might be a practical assistance to persons partially deaf which would enable them to hear ordinary public speakers. You was kind enough to answer my letter promptly saying that you had not got produced any thing in that direction that you thought would be of practical use but that something might in time be developed. If pen-paper corns from dirt can be relied on you have now succeeded in bringing out an instrument that magnifies sound similar to an opera glass magnifying sight and so constructed as to be adapted to the requirements of the person that uses it. If such is the case you have done a great thing which doubtless you can yourself appreciate

No Case

if it is a fact that you are partially deaf yourself as I have seen it stated but I have doubted your being deaf as I have understood you to be a sound operator and I should think that in your experiments it would require very acute perception of sound. My perception in that respect is very faulty. I could not distinguish the voice of a man 50 yards away calling my name from the the crowing of a cock I can hear the voice of the preacher but cannot distinguish a single sentence except it be a very familiar passage. Hollering rather confuses than helps. Using an ear trumpet has the same effect with the addition of a rumble of every other sound in the house. If your instrument will obviate these defects it will be a great desideratum. My object in writing to you is to find out the real facts and if satisfied of its practical utility to obtain one if possible. If your medaphone will do what said correspondent says it will it ought soon to be obtainable at every drug store in the land and being as I am at present out of business I could devote my whole time and attention to its introduction into these western states at but small remuneration above expenses. A person like myself that is partially deaf might be better able to demonstrate its peculiar benefits over all other contrivances such as ear trumpets, Acoustics or cornet now so unsatisfactorily used. I would suggest an improvement over having the instrument on the lap with a tube extending to the ear by having a smaller instrument to insert in the ear held there by an elastic or some spring metalic band such as those used to keep the hair in place. If my recommended improvement should prove practical one could be used to each ear. Something of that sort has already been brought out though it is made to be worn in ear all the time. It is made by Geo J Woodbe Madison Ind who will send you pamphlet on application that describes it if it will do what it says it is next thing to yours and has the merit of being inexpensive. Hoping to hear from you I am Yours. Truly John Kimball

Old Lyme Conn July 1st/98

To T. A. Edison Esq
of Menlow Park N. J.

Dear Sir I wish very much to get an ear Trumpet that will be handy to carry about and efficient – If you get them ready before you leave for Colorado, please write me or have me written to describing the same & the price. Respectfully Your obedt

Joshua Baker

Randolph Ills July 1st 1878.

Mr. — Edison

Dear Sir:

I wish to know if I can get one of your Ear Trumpets, of which I have recently noticed in the public prints.

Do you have any for sale, or will you inform me who manufacture them.

I have a friend who is quite deaf, but can hear loud talk; and he has heard of your Ear Trumpet enabling a person to hear in a large assembly, as church &c.

Please inform me where to get this & oblige

W. H. Clemens

ans'd & Cir
Dec. July 6/78

Tutela Heights,
Brantford, Ont.
Canada.
July 3rd 1878.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to congratulate you on your wonderful achievement in the invention of the Megaphone. I am specially interested in the application of this instrument to the partially deaf.

I shall feel obliged if you

will, at your earliest convenience, send me one of the Megaphones, for which I shall immediately remit payment.

My wife has from childhood been dependent for hearing on the use of a flexible tube; and there could not be a better case for testing the practical value of your invention.

I trust that your interest in her case will not be lessened when I inform you that she is the daughter of Alexander Graham Bell, whose name no doubt you know in connection with the Telephone.

I am
yours very truly
Alex. Melville Bell

Thomas Edison Esq.

# TREMONT HOUSE,

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G. McGINLY, Manager.

Galveston, Texas. July 4th 1878

Prof Edison

Being partially deaf I would be glad to have you give me some particulars of the Megaphone price, time it will be ready for the market &c. I wish to purchase one. I would also like to speak for the agency, for this state when it shall be ready for the market. Any references that may be required will be forthcoming, whenever you say so.

Please reply at once & oblige

Yrs Truly

Jno A McNabb

Per

W U Co

Elberfeld, July 6th 1878

Most honoured Sir!

Please, don't be angry with a man unknown to you, who takes the liberty to write you.
It is told in Germany, that you have construed an instrument, called „Megaphon" to enable men, sick of hearing to understand even whispered words.
I and many fellow-sufferers have vainly tried to learn something certain about this, and now have resolved to apply directly to you, the inventor, requesting you to say us in a few words if it is true what we hear, and what has agitated us with so great delight and where may the instrument be had?

P. T.

had.?

Please send your letter
unpaid and be assured
of our great thankfulness.

I remain,
most honoured Sir,
your obedient and
thankful servant
Leopold Wagenknecht
Casinostrasse № 1
Elberfeld
(Germany)

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St. Louis July 22 1875

Prof Thos A Edison Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir I wrote you last spring about getting up an apparatus for bearing over both papers you have got on up. but my friend Capt John N Boffinger at whose house you were at in Washington (5 12. 13 & 14) urged me to write again and I would likely get a reply.

I would be glad to know what the cost of such an apparatus =

Yours Respectfully
E C Cassily

Lyme, New London Co.
Ct. July 25. 78

Dear Sir

Is your instrument, called the "Microphone," in a form to be used by partially deaf people for hearing ordinary conversation in the same room — and if so where can it be procured, and on what terms?

Very truly Yours

E. F. Burr

ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

Jno Farthing
Dominion Agency

44 Church St.

Toronto Ont Aug 10th 1878

Prof Thos A. Edison

Dear Sir;

I have received a number of inquiries from deaf people, concerning an instrument for enabling such persons to hear. If you have such an instrument in merchantable shape I could place a good many in Canada.

If a company controls its introduction will you kind ly send me their address

Yours Respy

John Farthing

Rotherfield, August 12th 1878.

Most Honoured Sir,

I return you my thanks for your favour of the 27th of July and the Daily Graphic, the contents of which were very interesting to me. I thank you particularly for your kind promise of future information.

I remain to be
Most Honoured Sir
Your very obliged & obedt Servt
Leopold Wingfield
Coffinswham 54.

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Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir – You advised me some time ago that you were perfecting an instrument to aid the deaf, & I have seen notices of it from time to time. If you have such an instrument which is a success, please send me one of your own make.

Yours Resp.
Edw. P. Allis

EDITORIAL ROOMS,

**The Tribune.**

Chicago, Aug 16 1878

Mr Thos. A. Edison.

Dear Sir:

How are you progressing with the deaf-man's Ear trumpet? As soon as the Machine works to your satisfaction send me the one you promised. I expect to be in New York before long and may make you a flying visit to add to your annoyances. When may I expect the Contrivance to C.O.D. at my door?

Yours truly.

S. Medill.

Call in on Aug 24 on way home

you will have the 1st one that Stops

Office "Sunday Leader"
Austin, Texas Aug. 19
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Thos. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir,

Being afflicted with partial deafness, I want particulars of the Megaphone. I shall be glad to write it up in the "Leader" "Iron age" and "Gazette" for which papers I write professionally. Send price and I will send you the cash if you prefer it to notices. If you want notices send on all the information you want given and I will mail you marked papers.

James Walker

Care Col. W. Y. Rader, propr. "Sunday Leader"

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East Boston, Sept 21st 1878

Ed N.Y. Herald

Gent:

I read the enclosed extract from your paper of Professor Edison's invention, May a phone. As I doubt Know his address, I thought it best to write you to know if it is as represented in the Enclosed if so will you please give me this address.

Send this

Yours Truly

Chas W. Crosby.

Friend Edison

I have replied to this referring him for further particulars to Mr. Edison

Yours

E. M. Fox

THE MEGAPHONE.

The latest, as well as the most curious of Professor Edison's inventions is the megaphone, for which he has just filed his caveat. By means of its use, persons partially deaf are enabled to hear the faintest sound with distinctness. It concentrates and multiplies the sound in as high a degree as is required. By applying it to the ear at a high rate of adjustment, a whisper can be distinctly heard three hundred feet away. Already the professor has tested it sufficiently to be satisfied of its practicability. It is no bigger than a small shot and have attached to it a rubber tube. In the inventor's own words, "It can be taken to a theatre by a person hard of hearing. Just as a person now uses a opera glass. All you do is to place it on your lap, let the tube touch your ear, and all sounds come to you magnified fifty times if necessary. The loudness can be regulated for the ear as you regulate a telescope for the eye."

"What is the history of this invention?" asked the writer.

"Well, it has a curious origin," answered the professor, smiling. "Strange as it may seem, it came to life through the mistake of a reporter. Some weeks ago a reporter came to see my phonograph, and went back and got it all mixed up in his paper. He stated that I got up a machine to make partially deaf people hear. I did not know what I had invented, but I thought nothing more of it. Soon after, while I was at my shop, I received letters from all over the country asking about it. I answered some, saying, it was a mistake, but they kept pilling in upon me until I was getting at the rate of twenty or thirty a day. Then I began thinking about the matter and began experimenting. One day, while working on it, I heard some one loudly singing 'Mary had a little lamb.' I looked around, nobody was near me and nobody was singing. Then I discovered that the singer was one of my young men, who, in a distant corner of the room, was singing softly to himself. The instrument had magnified his voice, and I heard it distinctly although I'm pretty deaf, while others in the room had not heard a whisper. That was the first of the megaphone."—*N.Y. Herald.*

N. Y. Aug. 23th 77.

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir, I am very anxious for some information as to the present status of your Invention relative to aiding deaf persons in receiving their hearing.

The hearing of my wife has become greatly impaired by weakness & nervous prostration.

Can you put me on any track, whereby I could get the desired information, any circular, or drawing of the instrument, or refer me to place where I could see, or when she could test it at her own?

Anything will be gratefully received.

Very truly yours
E. F. Culver
114 Wapanu st

W. E. Dodge, Jr., Pres't. H. J. Davies, Gen'l Manager.

# Ansonia Clock Company,

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Factories, { Ansonia, Conn. 10th Street, New-York.

New York, Aug 1878

Mr Bachelor

Dear Sir

Please inform the visitors if the hearing apparatus is in such form that any friend could use it every other day they work & thus

By doing this you will confer a great favor

On Yours very Truly

Henry J. Davies

N.Y.

Knowlesville Orleans County N.Y.
Sept. 7th 1875

Dear Sir
Would you be so kind as to send me a descriptive & price list of your apparatus for improving the condition of the deaf & dumb & blind
Yours very truly
Chas. H. Avery

New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad Co.
Office of the General Superintendent.

P.O. BOX 839

New York, Sept 18 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Dear Sir.

I have an enquiry from a personal friend in Paris (France) who is growing deaf, and who wishes to know about the "megaphone", whether he can purchase one, and what is the price.

I enclose the newspaper account which set him upon this enquiry together with a translation.

Will you kindly advise me as to what I can say to my friend.

Respy
O. Chanute

[ENCLOSURE]

Plusieurs personnes nous ont écrit pour nous demander ce qu'il y avait au sujet de l'invention du *mégaphone*, dont nous avons parlé la dernière fois. Cet instrument qui permet aux sourds d'entendre, voilà une révolution, et c'est cette nouvelle, parue dans nos colonnes, a ému bien des familles. Nous devons donc donner à ces familles la certitude que l'instrument *existe*, qu'il est construit et qu'on peut s'en servir — en Amérique du moins.

Nous ajouterons qu'il consiste en deux petites oreillettes *mégaphoniques*, puisque ce sont les horribles mots grecs qu'affectionne le professeur Edison. La description technique nous entraînerait trop loin, et puis, à quoi bon ? L'essentiel, c'est qu'on entendra. Disons seulement que l'appareil, comme le phonographe, le téléphone, et le fameux aérophone qui pourrait bien, lui, n'être qu'un canard, n'arrive pas vite en France, le mégaphone procède des plaques vibrantes.

Les sourds l'appliqueront sur leurs deux oreilles, comme les myopes appliquent sur leurs yeux une paire de lunettes.

[TRANSLATION]

Translation from "Figaro"

Several persons have written to us to enquire what is the exactly there is in the reported invention of the "Megaphone". Inside last issue we gave an instrument enabling the deaf to hear, since revolutionary, and this kind of news appearing in our columns has interested many families. We must therefore assure these families that the instrument exists, that it is constructed, and can be used in America at least.

We will add that it consists in

[ENCLOSURE]

Plusieurs personnes nous ont écrit pour nous demander ce qu'il y avait de vrai dans l'invention du *mégaphone*, dont nous avons parlé. Moi-même, sans témoindre qu'il permet aux sourds d'entendre, voilà une révolution, et encore cette nouvelle parue dans nos colonnes, s'est bien des familles. Nous devons donc donner à ces familles la certitude que l'instrument existe, qu'il est construit, et qu'on peut s'en servir — en Amérique, du moins.

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Les sourds l'appliqueront sur leurs deux oreilles, comme les myopes appliquent sur leurs yeux une paire de lunettes.

[TRANSLATION]

two small "megaphones" ear muffs. Since these are the horrible Greek words affectionately selected by Professor Edison. A full technical description would take too much space, and besides, what would be the use? The important thing is that the deaf will hear. Let us say however that the instrument like the famous "Phonograph" the "Telephone" and the "Terephone" (which latter may be a swindle, as it has not come to hand in France) works upon the principle of vibrating plates. The deaf will clap it upon both their ears, just as the near sighted place upon their eyes a pair of spectacles.

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T A Edison

Menlo Park

Dear Sir — We have an inquiry from London and one from Rochester New York for a Megaphone to enable people who are hard of hearing to hear with — What reply shall we make thereto — If you have a model or sample of one and wish us to make them please let us know — Read enclosed cut from a London paper and please return to us

Very Truly Yours
Partrick & Carter

Dear Sir we have had two inquiries for megaphones from London & Rochester

please return the slip and a check for $30.50 early in week —

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**Michigan Christian Advocate,**
*No. 189 WOODWARD AVENUE,*

Detroit, Mich. Oct 15th 1878

Prof. Edison.

Dear Sir: Have you any hope of perfecting ear-drums for one of those partially deaf? I am so afflicted myself, and that fact turns scores of inquiries toward me regarding your instruments. Kindly answer.

Very Truly Yours,

A. H. Potts.

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NO 1160 MAIN STREET,

Wheeling, W. Va Nov 11th 1878.

Prof Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir.

I yesterday read a very interesting article published in "Scribners Magazine" for the current month, in which some allusion is made to an invention of yours called the "Microphone", which is described as an instrument designed to accomplish for sound, what the "Microscope" does for sight. If this report is correct, may I venture to inquire if the apparatus can be utilized to improve the hearing of persons afflicted with partial deafness? There are thousands of persons in the land, who like myself are suffering with impaired organs of hearing, and who have failed to receive any benefit from protracted treatment at the hands of skillful aurists, by whom

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such an invention would be hailed with acclamations of joy and with the deepest sentiment of gratitude to the man whose genius would restore to them, by some mechanical device, the faculty of perfect hearing.

It has often occurred to me that while there may be no relief in cases of congenital deafness, or in acquired deafness, where there exists a positive destruction of the Tympanum, or a complete paralysis of the auditory nerves, yet in cases where the defect is caused simply by an inflammatory and partial obstruction of the Eustachian tubes, or an abnormal deficit of mucus in the cavity of the middle ear, that it would not be difficult to effect an artificial stimulation of the various organs whose functions are to communicate vibrations to the nervous surfaces. In my own case partial deafness is occasioned by a chronic

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and apparently incurable inflammation of the Eustachian tubes and cavity of the ear, the Tympanum being to all appearance perfectly sound and healthy but in consequence of the engorged and congested condition of the tubes, and the accumulation of mucous in the cavity of the ear, the latter is incapable of transmitting the vibrations to the point they must necessarily reach in order to produce perfect sound.

It would seem therefore that an apparatus intended to remedy this defect should be constructed with the view either of magnifying the sounds, and aiding in their conduction, or by supplying an artificial Tympanum of great strength and capacity to communicate vibrations than the natural one.

If you have solved this problem, and have succeeded in constructing some mechanical device which can be

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neatly adjusted to the external ear, and can be worn without discomfort to the sufferer on special occasions when it is desired the hearing shall be aided by its use, or at all times, you will have achieved an object which may prove an inestimable blessing to thousands of your fellow men,

Will you please inform me if you intend the "Microphone" to accomplish the above results, and if so when they will be presented to the public, and where I may obtain one at the earliest possible day.

Very respectfully
Yr obt servant

T H Norton
Br Maj. U.S.A.
(Retired)

Shrewsbury Nov. 12th 1878

Prof. T. Edison.

My Dear Sir —

Pardon me for trespassing again on your time.

Last June I wrote you a line for information — respecting an instrument of your invention to assist me in hearing — and you very kindly answered my letter immediately. Also sent me a circular. Stating that it was not as yet complete. but my letter was on file for future reference. I have been anxious to call and see you at your Laboratory in Menlo Park. I have

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not have the opportunity, therefore I write you this line by way of remembrance. Please when completed to inform me and I will thank you with all my heart.—

Very Truly Yours

Henry L. Spaulding.

Freehold

Monmouth Co. N. J.

267 Broadway - Gotham.

Dec. 5th.

Beloved Griff:

The Megaphone Circular is among the things that are gone - now left a trace behind.

Send me the matter you want in the proposed Circular and I will have the number printed and sent you, without delay, that you require.

Yours ever,

Frank McLaughlin

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This folder contains documents, primarily correspondence, covering a wide variety of subjects. Some of the material relates to personal matters. Also included are documents which deal with more than one subject, such as a letter about both the phonograph and the telephone. Documents concerning subjects which do not fall under the main subject categories (such as a letter about the aerophone) are also filed in this folder. In addition to correspondence, some of which is by Edison, there are also a few circulars, clippings, and a check. About 99% of the documents in this folder have been selected.

Duplicate copies of correspondence, third-party correspondence unrelated to Edison, and unanswered fan mail have not been selected. Unsolicited requests for personal favors, for loans and contributions to charities, for lectures and exhibits of inventions, and for information about Edison have not been filmed except in cases where an answer has been found.

Hoboken N.J.
Jany 2nd 1888

Thos. A. Edison Esqr.
Dear Sir

I am greatly obliged to you for your kind note of Dec. 29th and shall anticipate with much pleasure your summons.

I will bring Prof. Mayer with me by all means.

We should come probably by the 11 o'clock train.

Dont forget to notify us as soon as you find a convenient day.

Truly yours
Henry Morton

New York Jan. 2d. 1878.

Mr Edison, Dear Sir.

We read so frequently of your wonderful scientific achievements with the telephone, the Polytechnic Department of the American Institute is becoming impatient to see and hear you in person. The impression made upon the audience when you exhibited your apparatus last season — and the confidence shown in your great mechanical resources, induces the desire to have another interview, as I promised, — by leading your letter publicly. May we announce you for Thursday evening, January 17th. at 1/2 past 7. Room 24, Cooper Union?

Trusting upon that evening, so far ahead, will give you ample time for the occasion. You need make no extra preparation. — Just show us what you have accomplished.

Very truly and respectfully,

Yrs, S. A. Smith
Chairman.

T. A. Edison, Esq.
Newark N.J.

Please Answ. by return
Post
by P. Card

Dixy City Jan. 4. 178

Mr. Edison

Dear Sir

I have lost Memoranda
I wish if can let me know what
it send me date. Amt. and
Names on Check you gave
me for the lot I let you
have from Johnson. I have
to settle some juice important
matters with a Mr. Widdell
& think I let you have said
Check. At the in Va.

Wishing you a Happy New
Year I am
Yr. Truly
N. L. Avery

W H Palmer
June 11, 1878

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Prof T A Edison
My Dear Sir

I called on Commissioner McCormick today & presented your claims for 20 x 20 &c wanted to cut it down, but I told him it was that or none, that you could not afford to enter the lists unless you had the room to do (the subject-matter that I was interested in your success & Prof Henry had led the audience the other evening that your record showed you to be the most remarkable genius in this or any other country, & you were going to have

the room you needed or the country suffer in its comparison with others - he finely said, "well I want to tell you Mr, tell Edison to come see me in New York Tore pick back to New work, the applications will all be in on 10th & I can then see where to put him & how he desires to be rated". Now you are sure of the 20 x 20 if you don't concern to take less - I want to pick your place also - Don't be modest - Tone Johnson being introduced him to McCormick in New York. When he saw the Phonograph, (but it worked poorly at time)

Yours Paine

I had expected to have heard from you about your efforts to get price from Bliss!

Have no report yet from Johnson about Phonoplex &c — My parties are ready for fair trade! in fact better than you can do elsewhere — Yours truly
Wm

6-4-78

The N. Y. Sun Editors wanted a letter further to you — & I gave him one. May it you might want to have access to a live paper sometime & it would be well to know him

Chicago. Jany 5. 78

Friend Edison;

The Western Electric are short of funds and I do not see how they can remit at any rate till Rankin returns a couple weeks hence. The old gentleman Gilliland is anxious for his statement to Jany 1st and wants money. I will see that the statement is prepared soon and keep the question of funds in agitation.

Richmond's brother was here today. He says the Richmond telephone is working on a line 70 miles with 80 cells battery. It occupies a space 3 X 5 X 9 inches — resistance 150 ohms. Hubbard has seen it and is much interested. Expect to see the thing next week and if anything peculiar will advise.

Respectfully.

Geo. W. Price

T. A. Edison: Esq

Dear Sir

My Tour 5/78

What shall I say to Dealy?

DL

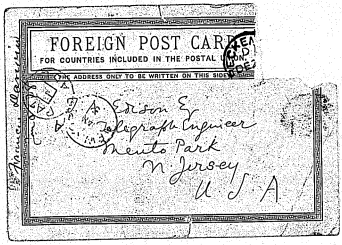
Down, Beckenham

Dear Sir,

My father begs me to thank you for communicating to him the various cases of the insects. The fact is, we are interesting ourselves at present on the subject, he will not take advantage of your kind offer of sending specimens.

Yours truly

Francis Darwin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FOR COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN THE POSTAL
ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE
Edison Esq
Telegraph Engineer
Menlo Park
N. Jersey
U.S.A.

OFFICE OF

# A. H. Eaton,

**CHEMIST.**

MANUFACTURER OF PRISMS, SPECTROSCOPES, ETC.,

66 HENRY STREET.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 6th 1878

Dear Edison

I will
travel with you, giving
my instrument to
as I described, for the
outfit to the latest im-
provements. Please arrange
as soon as possible as
it will be too late for
my purposes

Yours

A. H. Eaton

New York Jan. 8th. (1877) [1878]

Dear Sir – You must not fail, rain or shine to be before the Polytechnic on Thursday, January 17th. at 1/2 past 7 P.M. where you have a Rostrum of attractive proceedings.

Very truly yours,
F. V. E. Smith.

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Dear Edwin –

Yours of yesterday is rec'd.

I should be glad to see you – at your convenience – on the subjects mentioned.

With thanks for your promptness, I am

Very truly
G. A. Wiley

N.Y. Jany 9. 1878.

Baker & Ehrlich
Jan. 9. 78

New York Jan 9th 1878

Mr Thomas A. Edison

Dear Sir

We take the liberty to write you these few lines, in order to give you our address as you requested me to do when I saw you yesterday afternoon in the Western Union Building, in regard to some work which you say you could give us. Hoping that you will call on us at your earliest convenience, we remain

Yours Truly
Baker & Ehrlich
114 Centre St
New York City

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WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, A. B. BREWER, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated New York Jan 9th 1877

Received at

To T. A. Edison Menlo Park N.J.

Coil is at W. U. Building room thirty Eight be here tomorrow like to see you

S. Bergman

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Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Mgr.

OFFICE OF THE

ELECTRIC PEN AND DUPLICATING PRESS

220 to 232 Kinzie St.

Chicago, Jany 9. 1888

T. A. Edison Esq.

Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 7th at hand - Glad to hear you have improved the Phonograph and that the Rotary Press is progressing. Barton has written out something about telephones & but have not seen the letters. The U. S. of late carefully kept matters from me. I have quite a hot time with the funeral in regard to the keeping out business and re-organization the left impeachment! It makes no difference, they have all got to come in the telephone matter, it seems to me, if merit of apparatus had any weight. If Joe Barton owes the coin I hope you will give him an order for telephones as it will secure the settlement of your account. Perhaps is doing the right thing in hurrying off to Europe - Was that money been paid? I believe you are right in regard to Stubblard and that he is not a safe man to trust. Hope Parker can work Europe successfully but one thing is certain, if Pettis had the telephone there now he could strike heavy blows. They are not hot on the subject and a man cannot get on the ground too soon. Eng would take $10,000.00 cash for his half interest in their foreign patents, if he has counsel me some on looking the Phonograph into the Telephone Co - thought it would be a good thing to. Write about the company and money of the Phonograph. If you will give me a good appear letter arguing to make a contract for the Phonograph providing $50,000.00 is raised in 30 days I think it can be done. It is easy hard to work on an uncertainty, I think

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Mgr.

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Chicago, _____ 189

You ought to do this because you need a good company to run your specialties and if I get the Phonograph show certainly put it in good shape before the public. I have got Hoff and warned up again and think he will come down to put the thing through in case you give general to stand on. I am glad you have made the contracts with the Clark + toy people but of course every one of these contracts the effect of the main interest. Please leave the contracts with Max so that he can make + send me a copy at once. Hope Berlin will do you up in the shape you deserve = You are on the back seat to be appreciated by the public + not by a clerk. Send Hall to Mr McCormick + get that space filled - Have written Reed + all about it. I shall be delighted if you get the appointment of Revenue Com. to the Exposition = Have your news from Reed + which will write in day or two - Hay is the worst kind of a brand + is beating for friend.

Respectfully

Geo. H. Bliss

G.M.

Have been speaking the Pen Company and it looks well now but the Phonograph will make it a certainty

Rockbank Jan 10/78

My dear Sir

I presume the bad man has kept you. Please let me know when you will come again. There is no hurry, any time within a week or so will do me. Yours sincerely

STATEMENT.

Chicago, Jany 1st 1878

J. L. Murray, Esq
10 & 12 West 4th
Murray

In Acc't with **WESTERN ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING CO.,**

Accounts payable in Chicago, Philadelphia, or New York Exchange.

220 KINZIE STREET.

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| | To Balance as per Statement rendered, Nov 1st, 1877 | 1 | 95 | | |
| | To Mdse., | | | | |

The inter was for goods delivered in October last year. I shall send a remittance at an early date and we would like to have this balance on our books.

W E Mfg Co

Menlo Parks
Jany 2-3 1878

Please charge this to my Electric pen account

T A Edison

Jan 17 th 78

T A Edison

I am doing all
I can with Jim and Tom
and I cannot get more help
at present you well know
I had to make new tools
will get them as quick as possible
Murray

Can you get me 72 for
Jim and Tom this week

Buenos Ayres
Jan 20. 1878

Hoboken N.J.
Jany 20th 1878.

Mr. T. A. Edison
Dear Sir:-

I write to ask you if you would have any objection to my coming out to your laboratory to take a good look at what you have there without in any way interfering with any arrangement of work of yours - I did not, of course get much opportunity to look carefully at any one thing when I was there with Prof. Morton Allayer last week - and being exceedingly interested in electrical science and apparatus - though in an humble sort of way -

I would like an opportunity to profit by an inspection of what you have. If it would be objectionable to you in any respect I beg you do not hesitate to say so. If agreable I would also like to bring with me a friend of mine also interested in electrical matters. If convenient an answer will oblige but do not put yourself to any inconvenience on my account.

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas Ayres

Stevens Institute,
Hoboken N.J.

N York Jan 20/78

D V E In looking over my pocket contents, on leaving I find enclosed note from Painter on Telescopes - You can undoubtedly get a better one in this way for the amount you want to pay than by having it made.

A.N. tells me to remind you of our Telephone bargain. Please don't settle upon your terms with A.G.B. till you have given us a chance to do our part. The Bell Co clearly think if they had yours they would have a monopoly & doubly quickly suppress the Chipsters. Think twice about this.

Ed Johnson
Aug 20. 78

Write me to Dunkirk that you will at least keep me so advised that I can get you a Clean Bonafide offer for it before you give your final Consent to the Ag's terms - Lets see if they will pay you Once at least a reasonable price for your product.
See Notice of Feby Phrenological Journal in last nights Graphic "Benefactor of your race" —
See also in same paper Communication from "Perkins" on Quadruplet.
Also in Friday's Graphic Editorial on Phonograph
Get Feby Phrenological —

Yours
E Johnson

[ENCLOSURE]

OFFICE OF THE ... ORER
JAN 16 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

My Dear Q

I enclose the address of the man who has a big 4 inch Delaire Equatorial mounted he will sell for 260 to $300 (worth 6 to 700) & he knows of a man who has a 4 inch one that he will sell for $400 or possibly little less. Both are cheap if in good order. Tell Edison. I think Rhumph (Ralph) will be here the next week if he comes over. This is entirely for the 50th U.S.P.

H Morrow
Jan 21. 78

Hoboken N.J.
Jan 21st 1878

My dear Sir
We are all here looking forward with great hope to the fulfilment of your promise to let us have a phonograph. If possible I should like very much to purchase one. I am going to send some other things from here to Dr. Shelton and if it would in any way facilitate matters I should be glad to pack and send a phonograph with the rest. I should be pleased

to pay for one for him as I have known him for many years.

He would be glad to secure one of your telephones also as soon as you can supply one.

I am making up one of your moto-phones (is that the name), for ringing, assuming that I have your permission and would like also to make one for Dr. Schellen unless you are manufacturing them or would prefer to make him one yourself.

He is going to lecture on the telephone &c. soon and wants all the illustrations he can secure. If there is anything in this which would interfere with you let me know and of course I will hold on.

Truly yours
Henry Morton.

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CHICAGO

T. A. Edison Esq.,
Menlo Park, N.J.

Chicago Jany 7/ 1878

Dear Sir:

I am sorry the Painter crowd have charmed me out on the Phonograph. That is what a man gets when he does not stay and attend to business. I want it understood that they could not have done this if you had given me a Phonograph to work with. It is such an incredulous thing that people wont believe it unless on sight. If the dickers will me has got you a good bargain I am satisfied. I knew nothing about the Painter affair till today. This thing places me in rather a bad fix will farther to whom pledges have been made in my new company. I like like giving up position and selling them to a great Electric Pen Co. There is enough in that if economically managed to satisfied an ordinary man. Shall be glad to get a Phonograph to show up to the curiosity dealers. Since the Western Electric received such long orders of Bray Telephones I began to think you often did not know a good thing when he sees it, or seems he some [illegible] ah, Chartrand

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CHICAGO _____ 1877.

has written quite favorably of the demonstrating
part of your telephone but he is rather doubtful
since the order for battery telephones was
countermanded. He thinks he can obtain field
if there is an abundance of work on the
Mozelli telephones or better. Three letters in
from Reckle today. I think it would work to
convince him that Henry is a fraud. Henry
Dile claims you have treated him shamefully
- says he is willing to pay the money
when perfect telephones arrive. Reckle claimed
Henry should work with Prince {who argues that
your conduct is dishonest} also with many
French officials high in authority. Reckle says
Henry threatens an injunction &c. should come
back because he found that Henry was paying
his bills with drafts on bank above. He
had no money. That man will ruin him-
self in time. I doubt Reckle a few days hence
be quite entirely clear from him. Reckle's penalties
have not come to time yet & claim the money
for the first 150 out first & the second until after.
He expects to secure the matter very soon.
Cautier are troubling Reckle with unreasonable
check work & other fears. What is the fate of
your foreign patents on the outside matter?

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CHICAGO _____ 1877.

Auble is closing contract for 50 sets for Portugal. We had had a memorandum from Will the London Co. over Spain. They were about taking one a patent. Auble has a party who will probably take Spain buying 300 sets at once, 175 of which are for the government. Probably you will produce with a patent. He knows what my recognition in the Phonograph is & Phone the letter written to Mr. Searles about Spanish patent will in a day or two.

Respectfully,
Geo. W. Beard
Cincinnati.

My dear

OFFICE OF THE INQUIRER
JAN 28 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Yours of 1.23
to hand -
McCormick says he has assigned you the 25 x 25 asked for —
If I had known you could have a Delescope I would have given you one I had, I got tired of it - had no use for it & asked Johnson one day if you ever had any use for one & he said no, you meant on the practical by. so when I went to work to raise the

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funds for you & Grandma I must start it. I set to work to selling my loose things & let the Delescope go for $200.00 but I find I can get a much superior one in Jersey city for $30.00 & will see that you get one that does cost you a cent - only give me a little time on it —

I would have your Phono. Put out last week if Sessell had replied promptly to Dept & fixed his papers OK. now if you

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will drive him up I expect it out so he will date Feby 5. this now too late for Jany 29 -

When will you be ready to come over here with your Phono -?

The ten is ready to be paid over I don't know why there is so much delay on papers —

The 100 bills here are having big row on Bell Telephone - I thought

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is head fizzled out long
ago – the offhand bastards,
so the Patents works at
first but compromises faint
so it can't be heard –
Pope is red hot after
some patents he is
trying to get out for
Smith on Duplex!
He will do the right thing
on Bliss & decide on it
when you come over – I
see by his letter he has
not got my party yet!
Wants 30 days 42 machine

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to show to start on!
several of my men
just up before they
come is, two here
not even seen it yet!
I see by papers that Johnson
made his with Thomas
at Elmira –
Have you tried to buy the
JCR yet?

Yr
W. Lamb

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GEO. BLACKMAN, Dunkirk N.Y.

Jany 27/75

Thos. A. Edison. Esq
Cue W. U. Tel. Co. N.Y.

Dear Sir.

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On Sunday coming last a very interesting exhibition of the musical telephone and ~~your~~ phonograph were given in this place — through the courtesy of Prof Johnson I was enabled to examine the instruments fully — Prof J spoke of improvements of the phonograph in which a revolving disk was to be substituted for the cylinder used in the instrument exhibited — It has occurred to me that a steel plate would be the improvement — the substitution of a long strip of foil for the square sheet of foil as now used — or even a cylinder with a single groove around at just as was done with the strip of paper in the old Morse Register — the indenting point connected with the vibrating plate being substituted for the indenting point of the armature of the register. This plan it seems to me would offer several advantages over the plan used here and the one Prof Johnson spoke of as in process of construction — Among these advantages I would name —

1st Greater simplicity of mechanism the small cylinder or drum with a single groove being much easier to construct than a plate with a spiral groove —

2d Economy of material the narrow strip of tinfoil being used only as fast as needed & then cut off —

(2)

(3)

The record, being in
non convenient shape
for preservation or transmission
by mail — The narrow
strip could be simply
rolled up loosely & sent
in a small box like a
pill box —

The great certainty with
which the sounds could
be reproduced — The passage
of the strip straight proved
the only condition which
would require special
attention in getting the
sound again would be
the speed —

State the liberty to offer these
suggestions as I am much
interested in this matter and
feel convinced that another of your valuable
inventions has been stolen to use
(The Electric Pen) from you in the interval
Yours truly Jno E. Blackburn

J. T. MURRAY,
MANUFACTURER OF
TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS,
NOS. 10 & 12 WARD STREET.

Newark, N. J., Jan 28 1878

T. A. Edison Esq

Sir

I will go with you to Mr Orton tell him same as I told you and Mr Meiller it will do no good to state it on paper and have it going round the building for each one will be very likely to deny it — but you must know how Ashley and Pope feel to you also Seth Phelps Smith and Prescott Each one are no friends to you and I told you Except Mr Orton you have not one friend in the W. U. Co and when Eckert is added the ring will be complete and you cannot expect Justice from them

I am Truly yours
J. T. Murray

Bernard Lorne Doe. 9 7 Illinois Jan 28-78

Lorne and Gino they are very lively —

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226 TO 232 KINZIE ST.

CHICAGO Jany 20 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 17th at hand. Am delighted to hear that the Rotary is so near out. Engelman writes me that his Steam Guard is about finished and he is immensely pleased. I want to knock the wind out of him with the Rotary. Please advise me how it performs when set up. Glad you are not worrying me altogether on the Phonograph and shall be pleased to hear particular when you can send them. Gray & Barker have book just returned. You can depend on a good bit for royalty account in Feby. I will, however, bring up the subject within a few days and bring things to time if you don't want to be hard in this matter. It will be hard to find a channel where your royalty will be more than a certainty. I am confident my Pen Company will go through and if it does shall be in shape to discount your orders on the 15th. But I have put in a year hard

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CHICAGO _____ 1877.

Work on the Pen Engineers is done. Prefer to lease it and the considerable amount of money stepped. The business looks very promising to me. I coincide entirely in your judgment about Pockley. He is bound to turn out well. Harry is cutting a great swell on the other side. He was nearly beaten to death, but made a stroke in some way & is living in style at Paris. He claims to have secured the Jablochoff light & Gramme machine & the U. S. - I am disgusted with Pockley who seems to be infatuated with Harry - Lewis Stager says Harry unintoxicated every body at San Francisco and that he doesn't dare to return there. I have written Pockley if he wants to keep out of prison to cut Harry. The telephone, on which the Western Independent has orders and the Gray battery, small coil instrument ought to be made, the Edison, Bell, Gray, Phelps magnets telephone, made after some kinds which Gray considers good. He

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CHICAGO _____ 1877.

Claim to have the foundation & all
telephones in. You have got more figure
than I expected at the Exposition.
What charge is it in? Please send me
diagram. If I am to run it be me know
what you intend to exhibit so I can
be thinking up a plan to be agreed upon
when I come down. Will have Beetle
get copy of French patent.

Respectfully
E. H. Welch
E. M.

Don't fret about royalty and you will
be surprised by handsome remittance shortly!
When will my Phonograph arrive?

Blank No. 1.

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WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, A. B. BREWER, Sec'y, | New York

Dated January 31 1878

Received at Menlo Park

To T. A. Edison

answer to Buckingham Hotel New yorke city whether you will be at Home tomorrow and Saturday

E. H. Johnson

15 paid

Jan 31st/78

Mr Edison

Dr Sir.

Will you please and see, if you can get me on Friday or Saturday $250.00 and oblige

yours
Truly
S. Bergmann

I don't know how I shall meet my Bill.

S. B.

you could as always done

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington. 187

Thomas A. Edison Esq.-
Menlo Park. Union Co. New Jersey. -
Dear Sir:-

Mr. Paul Benjamin R. suggests to me that as you are writing the article on Telegraphy for the new Cyclopedia - Appleton - you might be interested in knowing that my Ditching Machine - awarded the only Medal for such Machines at the Centennial - & now well known at home & abroad as a practical & very economical apparatus - were constructed (in all suitable soil) the trenches necessary for underground Telegraph Cables or Wires; very rapidly & cheaply. -

As Supt. Hutchinson of the W. U. T. Co, knows, I am now negotiating for Machines to make trenches for ~~the~~ Germany - to be 6 inches wide & 40 inches deep! -

In all soil from sand to blue clay (included) usually free from stones, I can dig from 500 to 800 feet lineal per day of ditches 6x40 - with 4 to 6 horses & 3 men.

Geo. F. Rindskopf
January 1878

trenches of this width & depth, I need scarcely say, cannot be dug by hand labor at all — or scarcely so. To obtain the depth much greater width has to be had, by hand labor. — Aside from the cost labor, the larger amount of displaced earth leaves a bad finish. —

Mill, machinery of the sort & size I refer to would do the work of 40 to 60 men at the cost of 5. — —

I do not know what you think of Underground Telegraphy — if this be the correct term — but I have deemed it practicable — tho' I sh^d offer no opinion against you. — If so be — then tho' important that trenches be rapidly and cheaply dug, & if needs be, uncovered again. — Because of this belief I have written this note. — If you deem the matter of consequence enough to include my "trenches" among Telegraph implements I sh^d be glad. — Mr. Benjamin told me you that it is the only "ditcher" deemed worthy of notice by Appleton's Cyclo. —

I cannot I think commit you to any thing, if you do — or must people do all this — at one hundred Commissions. — Meantime I can furnish the Attorney General — with the Scientific Men & Civil Engineers of Duty & Journal & many other persons knowing have illustrations or models to the Patents Office.

Very truly
Your obt Servant
Thos. P. Kettell

P.S. The trenching can be made a fact any day & at the R.R. a practice of forces in opening them — I have one — invented by Thos Hall by cost 10 cents/yard a trench —

OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR
FEB 1 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dr E

The Pat. Off. profs have the slides & have an Ex' for Sunday night but I will get Sunday & send by Express so you will get Monday a.m. — When can you come here?

W. Pamila

Washington D.C.
Feb. 1st. 78

I have to acknowledge with thanks your of Nov. 17. 77, (mailed Jan 28. 1878) in answer to my inquiry. If you can make an magnets or galvanic magnet that would register ~~irregular~~ breaks ~~1/100~~ 1/10 of a second apart at irregular intervals. I would be glad to have an estimate of cost. Yours truly C. E. Foster
509 7th St

C. E. Foster

H. Morton
Feb 2. 98

Hoboken N.J.
Feb. 2nd 1898

T. Edison Esq.
Dear Sir

At the risk of appearing an insatiable petitioner I will again trouble you in this respect.

I have promised to give next Wednesday, for the benefit of our church here an exhibition of telephones and other things.

Now if I could include the "phonograph" it would be a great feature.

If the one for Prof. Mayer is finished in time

would meet the case exactly. If not, would it be possible to borrow another one? I would send one of my assistants to Menlo Park to bring it down Wednesday afternoon and would return it in his charge by the first train Thursday morning.

Mr. Sypes has fitted up a wheel-work to your microphone so that it works very nicely. We find also that a guitar will answer very fairly for a sounding board.

Very truly yours
Oberlin Smith

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Mgr.

ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago, FEB. 2ND, 1878

T. A. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK, N.J.
DEAR SIR:

YOURS OF FEB. 26TH AT HAND.

SORRY TO BE CUT OUT ON ENGLAND BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE MY FATE JUST NOW.

THE NEW GRAY INSTRUMENT IS CERTAINLY GOOD BUT I CANT SEE HOW IT CAN BE MADE UNLESS GRAY HAS FOUNDATION PATENTS AHEAD OF BELL. ON A LOOP CIRCUIT IN THIS CITY THE FAINTEST WHISPER CAN BE HEARD.

ON A SINGLE WIRE THE FRYING PAN NOISE IS HEARD BUT NOT ENOUGH TO INTERFERE WITH GOOD WORK. I DON'T WRITE THIS TO ALARM YOU BUT IT WONT ANSWER TO THINK THESE PEOPLE WONT DO THEIR BEST TO GET A PRACTICABLE INSTRUMENT.

A BROTHER OF RICHMOND IS HERE TODAY. HE MAKES GREAT CLAIM FOR THE RICHMOND INSTRUMENT AND CLAIMS IT WILL WORK SO LOUD THAT CAN BE HEARD IN ANY PART OF THE ROOM HE SAYS THEY ARE GOING TO PUT TELEPHONES ON THE MARKET AT $6.00 EACH. HE IS A GREAT BLOWER AND I DON'T TAKE STOCK IN HIM.

HOW IS IT THAT WILLOTSON IS OFFERRING BELL TELEPHONES ALL MADE UP BUT NOT PUT TOGETHER FOR $6.00 EACH? I SHOULD THINK THIS WOULD HARDLY ANSWER.

WATSON OF THE BELLTELEPHONE CO. IS HERE TODAY . HE SAYS A CONSOLIDATION IS CERTAIN TO TAKE PLACE.

IT SEEMS CERTAIN TO ME THAT THE BUSINESS MUST GO TO SMASH UNLESS THERE IS A UNION OF INTERESTSAND I BELIEVE THAT IS SOUND POLICY. I DON'T CHARGE ANYTHING FOR MY ADVICE AND THEY CAN TAKE IT OR NOT AS THEY THINK BEST,

Geo. H. Bliss, Genl Man'r

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

220 to 232 Kinzie St.

Chicago 18

UNLESS I SEE SOMETHING BETTER THAN YET TURNED OUT I MUST INSIST THAT YOU HAVE THE LEAD OF THEM ALL ON AN EFFICIENT WORKING TELEPHONE.

I AM TOO CLOSELY TIED UP WITH THE WESTERN ELECTRIC MAN. CO. TO ENTERTAIN AN IDEA OF SEPARATING FROM THEM UNLESS COMPELLED TO. I HATE ROWS BUT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT BLUES I AM NOT THE MAN. WHEN FORCED INTO A FIGHT I PROBABLY ENJOY IT MORE THAN ANY PERSON IN YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

I TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO GET THE W. E. TO SETTLE UP YOUR ACCOUNT BUT THE STATE OF THEIR FINACES WOULD NOT PERMIT. SHALL KEEP PRESSING THEM TILL IT IS DONE. THEY PUT IT OFF BECAUSE I OWE THEM SO MUCH MONEY. THEY HAVE MONEY AND NOTES FOR ALL OF MY ACCOUNT DUE TILL FEB 1ST.. I GET 90 DAYS ON GOODS AND THEY HAVE TAKEN SOME NOTES WHICH ARE GOOD AS HOLLAND IS ON THEM. WE ARE PAYING OUT THE MONEY SO FAR AND THE W. E. MAN. CO. AND YOURSELF GET THE BENEFIT.

WATSON OF THE BELL CO. HAS AN ELECTRIC PEN AND LIKES IT MUCH.

BEETLE HAS JUST BEGUN TO GET PENS FROM THE FRENCH MANUFACTURER. HE GETS ALL SIZES FOR $10.00 AND SAYS THE PENS ARE SPLENDID.

HE HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTED IN HIS FRENCH AGENT AND HAS GONE TO SELLING TO THE TRADE HIMSELF.

HE SAYS HERZ IS IN ITALY.

HE SAYS THE BELL PEOPLE HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR SUIT AGAINST THE GERMAN INFRINGERS AND THAT THEY SELL TELEPHONES AT $6.00 AND THE GERMAN SELL AT $3.99

Geo. H. Bliss, Genl Man'r

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

220 to 232 Kinzie St.

Chicago 18

WHAT KIND OF GOOD IS THERE IN THAT?

I WISH THAT ROTARY PRESS WOULD COME ALONG I NEED IT SO MUCH. WHEN CAN I DEPEND ON IT.

I HEAR THAT BUTLER IS IN NEWYORK.

RESPECTFULLY,

Geo. H. Bliss

GEN. MAN.

You will present some trouble about your claim for Pat's or indirect current. This will probably vary according to seeing to it!

OFFICE CHIEF CLERK
FEB 3 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

My dear Col. Capehart

Thus it took to hand —

I wrote you a week ago that the delay in Phno Pat was being caused by Sewell delaying the amendment & his repetition required by the Dept. It is not in yet! They say he is very slow & even negligent. & they are impatiently blamed for his neglect & errors. Did you not get my letter complaining of this?

When can you come over here for a couple of days — There is some skeleton in yr Ch's closet (about this auto business that neither you or I have seen. Until we do, we can do nothing with him) his pursuit of a phantom has become fast of his life! He wraps himself up in

his vanity, until the advice of friends or criticisms of his enemies all fell unheeded upon him. I have advised two of his creditors to push him into bankruptcy!

Hope you will be OK on Phone Monday or Tuesday –

Folks here have a lot of keen mongrel telephone they are trying to introduce here, they have tried several parties & have not yet got up a single one "for hire" – We are sent to Signal service Bureau here & are endorsed as "inferior to Bells". The box of wires sent by express to 20 sec St. When Alison gets back tell him to write me fully

Yours
W. W. Baird

Jamestown N.Y. 2/4/78.

My Dr Edison

I send you today papers bills. Etc that I had been preserving to hand you on my return; but as I am compelled to repeat here and give one at Meadville Pa on Wednesday I shall not reach Work until Friday morning. When I hope to see you. Having to take a man with me has increased my expenses. & that I am not netting as much as I had hoped to do. Still I am doing very fair and have created such a str. that I could keep going straight along. But I want to return to Work get a better Phonographic increase my terms to cover expense of an assistant. Get one of your speakers and start right. I then want no better business. I have been compelled to use a speaker to conduct my

Entertainments Owing to impracticability of getting Telegraph Operators Everywhere - When I had used it once then I had to do it all the time, But just as I imagined it attracts but little Attention Compared to the Singers You will notice this in the newspaper reports. I explain both Telephones & then tell the audience the practical difference And as I have been working Circuits averaging about 15 miles I have been Compelled to yell pretty loud. The fact pointing my subsequent explanation of your Instrument very nicely, When I tell them that in Yours it would be only necessary to whisper. I have been pressed to say privately Which is the Most practical Instrument and of Course I tell them yours, and why, And now a strong demand has been made on me to Exhibit yours In Order to meet this I have telegraphed Orton (to save money) to have your

Send me a set here, I want to use them between here & ~~Cincinnati~~ Meadville Pa 70 miles good wire & If I could get them & do so I would see that the fact was heralded abroad everywhere as I have tried Bells & can only work them by yelling frightfully and repeating frequently. It is just the limit of Bells & I am well satisfied yours would work beautifully. And as my showing Bells has removed from me the flavor of a mere advertising exhibitor my substitution of yours, its victory over the other would fit in well with what I have said, in lectures even since last summer — I therefore trust you have sent it & if will reach me today Don't let my showing Bells affect

Boston Aug 20th 1877

you. I will take care that their respective merits are just as apparent as when I simply talked of them. I hope the Phonograph progresses to your entire satisfaction. My Exhibitions are growing in interest as I learn more & more of that wonderful Instrument. The old thing has held out well & instead of playing out. Improves on way

Yours As Ever

Johnson
(Prof)

(That's a good little special for the Buffalo Express!)

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Man'r

OFFICE OF THE ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS

220 to 232 Kinzie St.

Chicago, Feb. 4, 1878

T. A. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK, N.J.

DEAR SIR!

YOUR ESTEEMED FAVOR OF JAN. 31ST IS AT HAND.

I DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT NEGLECT THAT ROTARY PRESS.

THERE IS THE MOST URGENT NEED FOR IT IN THE BUSINESS AND THE CALL IS SO LOUD THAT HALF A DOZEN MEN ARE AT WORK TO GET OUT AN ARTICLE.

I SHOULD FEEL IT VERY MUCH IF YOU ALLOWED ANY ONE TO GET THE START FOR IT IS SIMPLY A QUESTION OF PUTTING YOUR ATTENTION IN THAT DIRECTION TO SCOOP THEM ALL HIGH AND DRY.

I SHALL FEEL UNEASY UNTIL YOU WRITE ME THAT THE PRESS IS DOING PERFECT WORK.

I AM HEARTILY GLAD THAT YOU HAVE MADE THE STRIKE WITH THE PAINTER CROWD ON THE PHONOGRAPH AND ONLY REGRET THEY GOT THE START OF ME BY HAVING THE RESOURCES AT COMMAND WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE HAD THE INSTRUMENT BEEN SENT HERE FOR ME TO WORK WITH.

IF YOU SEND ME OUT A PHONOGRAPH I WILL GET SOME NOTICES IN THE LEADING WESTERN PAPERS MORE FAVORABLE TO YOUR INVENTIONS THAN ANY WHICH HAVE HERETOFORE APPEARED IN THIS SECTION.

YOU OUGHT TO DO THIS ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR IT WILL ALL HELP IN FUTURE MATTERS AND DO THE PHONOGRAPH PEOPLE GOOD.

OF COURSE I WANT YOU TO GET ME AS MUCH OF A SLICE AS POSSIBLE IN THE PHONOGRAPH BUT IF IT IS SMALL I CANT

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Man'r

OFFICE OF A. B. DICK CO. ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago 1897

COMPLAIN OF WHAT IS PURELY A GIFT.

IF I DID NOT KNOW YOU HAD MANY GOOD THINGS IN STORE I SHOULD GO INTO PERMANENT MOURNING ON ACCOUNT OF THE TURN AFFAIRS HAVE TAKEN IN THE PHONOGRAPH MATTER.

I HOPE YOU WILL NOT DO ANYTHING TO PREJUDICE YOUR INTERESTS WITH THE WESTERN UNION PEOPLE FOR PLEASANT RELATIONS THERE OUGHT TO BE YOUR CARDINAL PRINCIPLE.

NOW ABOUT THE THE PEN BUSINESS I DONT WANT YOU TO FORGET THAT WHEN I TOOK IT MONEY WAS BEING SPENT INSTEAD OF HAVING REVENUE COMING IN.

IF MATTERS HAVE NOT GONE ALTOGETHER SATISFACTORY YOU HAVE STILL RECEIVED A CONSIDERBLE SUM OF MONEY AND MORE HAS BEEN EARNED WHICH WILL SHORTLY BE PAID.

THE FUTURE PROSPECTS ARE EXCELLENT AND THE REVENUE WHICH WILL BE ENJOYED WOULD SATISFY AN ORDINARY MAN BUT YOU ARE NOT OF THAT KIND;

I HAVE SPENT $10.000.00 BESIDES ALL THE PROFITS IN THE LAST YEAR IN ADVERTISEING THE BUSINESS AND IN EUROPEAN EXPENSES AND HAVE JUST MADE A SINGLE ADVERTISEING CONTRACT AMOUNTING TO OVER $1.300.00.

FORTUNATELY I HAVE NOW REACHED A POINT WHERE THE BUSINESS WILL BEGIN TO YIELD NET RESULTS AND FROM THIS TIME FINANCES WILL GRADUALLY EASE UP ALL ROUND IN THIS VENTURE.

MY COMPANY IS CERTAIN TO GO THROUGH AND I SHALL SOON HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF FUNDS TO ORGANIZE THE BUSINESS ON A SCALE IT DESERVES AND WHICH IT'S BEST INTERESTS



Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Man'r

OFFICE OF A. B. DICK CO. ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago 1897

DEMAND.

DON'T FORGET THAT I ASSUMED A GUARANTEE AGAINST THE ADVICE OF MY BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND TOOK THE EUROPEAN VENTURE WHEN THE OLD HEADS REJECTED THE PROJECT.

I HAVE PIONEERED THE ROYALTY PLAN FOR YOU AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS THE BEST WAY TO PUT YOUR INVENTIONS ADAPTED FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE MARKET.

THIS SECURES FOR YOU A REVENUE AFTER THE INVENTION IS MADE WITHOUT FARTHER BOTHER AND WITH VERY LITTLE ANNOYANCE OF ANY KIND.

MORE THAN THIS I HAVE REMOVED THE BUGBEAR OF FEAR ABOUT TRYING TO INTRODUCE GOODS ABROAD SO THAT THE WORLD IS OPENED UP AS A MARKET HEREAFTER.

WHAT IS BETTER THAN ALL I AM GOING TO MAKE A PERMANENT SUCCESS OF THE PEN WHICH WILL BE THE BEST BASIS OF INDUCEMENT FOT PARTIES DISPOSED TO TAKE HOLD OF YOUR FUTURE INVENTIONS.

I BELIEVE THE POLICY OF SCATTERING YOUR INVENTIONS INTO THE HANDS OF A NUMBER OF GOOD PARTIES IS THE BEST METHOD TO WORK BUT AT THE SAME TIME I AM GOING TO HAVE A SYSTEM OF AGENCIES AT WORK WHICH CANNOT BE IGNORED IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FUTURE GOOD THINGS WHICH YOU PRODUCE.

I HAD YOUR STATEMENT TO JAN. 1ST MADE OUT AND IT HAS BEEN SENT TO YOU.

PLEASE ADVISE IF NOT RECEIVED.

YOU WILL GET SOME MONEY SHORTLY.

RESPECTFULLY,

Geo. H. Bliss
Genl Man.

Henry Woodward
Feb 5, 1878

Hoboken N.J.
Feb. 5th 1878

T. Edison Esqr.
Dear Sir

I received your telegram a few minutes since and will send a man (the bearer of this) by the three o'clock train to bring down your wonderful invention.

I am under so many obligations to your brothers in other respects that I hardly know how to express my appreciation of your amiability in this relation.

If I can be of any service to you it would give me great pleasure to have you call upon me at any time.

Very truly yours
Henry Morton.

Auto matic

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, Febry 5th 1878.

My dear T. A. E. –

I will attend to the inquiry about Telephone Stock issues. Yours of 3rd recd.

I do not refer to the plan in paper, but if you will let me know when you are in town I will explain all personally.

I have counted on the Roman line & tested in 2 ways, with good prospect of success in 1 & with little more experiment –

I assume the Quadruplex principle ought to guarantee Roman.

When will you be in?

I hear you have disposed of Phonograph? What have you done with it?

Did you get any ready money?

Yrs J. C. R.

J C Ruff:
Oct 15, 1878

Did you think back Bachelor about half of 49° last mid & week?

TAYLOR BROS

(Phone)

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**WASHINGTON, D. C.** July 6th 98

Thos A Edison
Menlo Park N J

My dear Al

Yours to hand. I wrote you on my arrival here enclosing your letter of 13th Dec and asking you to do something for me but had no reply and was waiting patiently till I heard from you - Now I send all the letters to Mr Bliss who replied in a lengthy manner & made me a very nice offer which I have been obliged to

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claim for reasons which I fully explained to him in my reply & I am looking for a letter from him at any moment. You say a Co has been formed for the Phonograph but you do not say by whom - Has Mr Bell the control or who - please say fully & I want you to arrange it so that whoever does control it that I may be its sole representative in the City & as much more as possible Now if you can do this I am safe & I trust you will

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**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

It will benefit me & all concerned - you promised to send me a phonograph but it has not turned up as yet & I have been blowing it far & wide & telling the prominent men that I would be able to show it to them in a day or two - I hope you will send me a good one if but for a week - my regards to Mrs E also to B & A - write soon & do what you can for me yours Sincerely

Thos Edison

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WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't. } New York.
A. B. BREWER, Sec'y.

Dated February 7th 1878

Received at Menlo Park N J

To T. A. Edison N P

Have fixed on Thursday
Night February Twenty first
For Exhibition Please do not
Fail

sig J. P. Reid

14 D.H.

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14 Dey Street.

New York, Feby 2d 1878

T. A. Edison
Menlo Park N. J.

Dr Sir

Please let us know your lowest cash price for the 1" Pack geared screw cutting Amus Lathe. an early reply will much oblige

Yours Truly
Pullard Machine Co.
Jno Cabe

R. F. Weitbrec

# Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

R. F. WEITBREC, Treasurer

Colorado Springs, Colo., Feby 9 1878

Friend Edison

Have you done anything about the speed recorder? and if so with what result.

How about applying the principle of the Electric candle to a locomotive headlight? generating the electricity by a small friction apparatus moved by the machinery of the locomotive when in motion. To make this effective of course the production of electricity must quickly follow the starting of the Engine.

Are there any ~~lucom~~ Electric candles in New York what do they cost fitted up entire. I should like to have one if not too expensive

Yours truly R F Weitbrec

Let me have your ~~[illegible]~~ address as I am uncertain now where to write.

Henry Morton
Feb 11, 1878

**Stevens Institute of Technology,**

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY.

Feb. 11th

T. A. Edison Esqr.

Dear Sir

The machine (phonograph) Prof. Mayer arrived here safely and performed at the exhibition in the most admirable manner. Prof. Mayer has been busy with it ever since getting out some traces of its curves and other things.

When Shellens machine comes I think that I will not have it unpacked but will only return it a few days until the other things are received.

Send me a bill for the articles and I will pay it for Dr. Shellen.

With many thanks I remain

Sincerely yours

Glenn Morton

Geo. H. Bliss, Genl. Man'r

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

220 to 232 Kinzie St.

Chicago Feby 17 1888

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 8th at hand. The first gun from Parker sounds well. Hope he will consummate the trade. I am to exhibit the Electric Pen to the Chicago Electrical Society next week thereby. This is the local society but it has very large meetings this winter, being one of the hundred present. I want to show the Phonograph at the same time. Please don't fail to send it this week.

Respfly

Geo. H. Bliss

Genl Man.

DEPOSITED IN THE POST OFFICE
FEB 13 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

My Dear

The Phono Patent passed first issue OK - I will pay the $5. on Friday so it will go out as of date of 2-19-

Hope you will come over - The negotiations of W U ring with is broken up - now if you can get out of their clutches I'll show you how to make big lot money! But enough of this till you come over - Write me & say what day you will come - merely name the day!

Yours
W M Vanice

Gen. H. Bliss, Gen'l Man'r

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago, FEB. 14TH, 1887

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T. A. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK, N. J.
DEAR SIR:

YOURS OF 10TH AT HAND. I WILL MAKE THE PLANS TO RUN THE PARIS EXPOSITION AS YOU WISH. WILL ADVISE BEETLE AND HAVE HIM FIX IT UP WITH PUSKAS SO THAT THERE MAY BE PERFECT HARMONY. BETWEEN WHAT PUSKAS AND BARON D'APREMONT PAYS AND THE FACT THAT BEETLE IS ALREADY IN PARIS I OUGHT TO GET OFF AT ~~LAST~~ LIGHT COST. D'APREMONT BEING GEN'L AGENT FOR THE PEN IN FRANCE IS ANXIOUS TO GIVE IT A GOOD EXHIBIT. I FULLY CONCUR IN YOUR GOOD OPINION OF PUSKAS AND HOPE HE WILL PAN OUT A GOOD SUM OF MONEY THIS YEAR. YOUR JUDGMENT ON PATENTS IS CERTAINLY AS GOOD AS ANY MANS LIVING . THE ONLY POINT WITH ME IS THAT IT IS SOMETIMES BEST TO POOL INTERESTS TO AVOID CONTESTS WHICH MAY CLOUD ALL TITLES AND KEEP ANY ONE FROM REALIZING.

WITH THE START WHICH PUSKAS HAS HOWEVER I DO NOT FEAR BUT HE WILL GET AS MUCH MONEY AS COULD BE SECURED IN A POOL. I AM ENTIRELY WILLING TO ABIDE BY YOUR JUDGMENT IN THE MATTER. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WELL TO SEND OVER ASSIGNMENTS OF THE PEN PATENTS LEAVING THE AMOUNTS AND DIVISIONS TO BE CABLED OVER . I BELIEVE THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE FRENCH EXPOSITION WE OUGHT TO SELL OUT THE PEN PATENTS DURING THE COMING YEAR ABROAD AND GET ALL THAT THERE IS IN THEM OUT SO AS TO BE READY TO PUSH THE NEXT GOOD THING YOU TURN OUT. IT IS NOT MY PRESENT INTENTION TO GO TO N.Y FOR A MONTH BUT AT THAT TIME I SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE EVERYTHING READY TO SHIP TO BEETLE FOR THE EXPOSITION. I HOPE

Gen. H. Bliss, Gen'l Man'r

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

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IT WILL BE FIXED SO THAT YOU CAN EXHIBIT THE QUAD . IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE OF GREAT ADVANTAGE IN IT'S SALE TO EUROPEAN NATIONS. I THINK BEETLE WILL FIX IT SO HERZ WILL NOT TROUBLE PUSKAS IN THE PHONOGRAPH AND TELEPHONE MATTER. BEETLE SAYS THAT HERZ SEEMS TO BE ON EXCELLENT TERMS WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND THAT THEY HAVE THE SET OF QUAD. SENT OVER BY HERZ AND HAVE PROMISED TO TRY IT. IT MIGHT BE WELL TO LET HERZ AMUSE HIMSELF WITH THE QUAD. IF HE IS MAKING PROGRESS AND WILL LET THE OTHER INTERESTS ALONE.

PUSKAS WILL PROBABLY GET THROUGH WITH FRANCE IN A FEW MONTHS AND THEN THE QUAD CAN BE HANDLED AS YOU PLEASE BECAUSE HERZ HAS NO SPECIAL INFLUENCE ELSEWHERE.

RESPECTFULLY,

Gen. H. Bliss

I HOPE THE PHONOGRAPH PEN WILL BE AN EGG SOME SO THAT I CAN EXHIBIT ONE WEEK FROM TONIGHT.

Innsbruck

14/2 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.

Menlo Park N.J.

My dear Sir

Your esteemed letter 26th. last come to hand yesterday & has given me much pleasure; I see from it that you are pushing your invention as as proper respects notice. I hope Mr. Jno Tuckas will open a correspondence with me before he makes definite arrangements for the introduction of your Telephone into Mexico. The Bell's Telephone I have in my Lab mine does not answer as well as I shd. wish. The sound is not distinctly heard by all. I wish I could try yours. The distance is only 350 yards in the adit & shaft pump spring after the snow has gone away I shd like to clear a wire down to the Office as distance of all 2000 yards. The miners are tough fellows and will handle pretty solid instruments.

I come to write to you today on an other application for your Telephone. We have here in the Tepic a great many shooting galleries, target shooting is practised in every little village & a good distance

signal is a great desideratum. I have tried several electric devices, but they do not answer the purpose. Can you not study out a cheap and practical thing that will serve the double purpose of calling the 'Victor' and then telling the shot. Also for the Firemen the Bell's Telephone has been tried & found wanting, it is not loud enough.

For Military purposes both, Phonograph & Telephone will do excellent service, the same on board of war vessels.

To my great disappointment I did not get the Sci. Am. Mo. 3 & 4 where probably your articles are published in. Will you be kind enough to send the enclosed lines to W. Munn. After your inventions are secured by Patents would you not be so kind to send me a few good instruments for sale? I shld. prefer to get them from you directly. I have a great many friends in Germany, Italy, France and will do my best to effect contracts or sales. Can you give me some information as to the present state of your address in the Machinery & means of lighting up streets with Electric light.

Two Cotton factories & a part of this town (where a good water power (of abt 45 horse) could be secured very cheaply) are open for contract. I have asked M. Fontaine (Brommer's Representant) & also the Siemens & Halske in London & Berlin but could not get any satisfactory answer. They have evidently not yet succeeded in distributing several light for one wire. How is it in America?

I have not seen anything for some time in the papers.

Please let one know how you are getting on with your inventions as I take the liveliest interest in the same & believe me, dear Sir, ever

Your Most Truly

A. L. Henry

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U.S. America

Sir

We shall be glad if you will inform us, if your Telephone & Phonograph is ready for practical everyday use; if so we shall be happy to introduce it for you in this country. We may state that our sole business is the working of new inventions of which we have about thirty, among which are numbered, "Bells Telephone" (which by the way is too early for the English market) & "Lemons Electric Light" - We shall be most happy to do what we can for your Patent here, providing it can be made mutualy profitable

Faithfully Yours
pro Augustus Westwood & Co
F. Izon.

Blank No. 1.

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WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't. } NEW YORK
A. B. BREWER, Sec'y.

Dated Feby 15th 1878

Received at Menlo Park

To T A Edison

send me channings article will incorporate it & send the Record series as you go is very important & how are you getting on with Telephones Mr Orton wants to know

D H. sig J. P. Prescott

OFFICE PHIL. INQUIRER
FEB 16 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

My dear

I pd the final fee on Phono to-day & put it on list for issue as date of Monday next. Where are you coming one?

The dicker of W & Bell party in W U is off & won't be set up again — Mrs Bell writes to her mother from London, of seeing the Phono at a big Buell lecture — Prof Tyndall spoke in it, & it was reproduced at once & is making biggest kind of sensation! Write me saying what day you will be here — it is of great deal of importance that you come here & have little private talk with party here on telephones

Yours

Phonograph 1878

Washington D.C.
Feby 14. 1878.

My dear Mr. Edison:-

I will bear in mind what you say about having scientific instruments imported free of duty where desired for scientific research.

If you will come here and bring your phonograph, if it is perfected so you could show it, I will see you paid the expenses. I want to show it to the Chief of the Signal Service of the Army. Let me know whether you can come beforehand.

I am
Yours truly,
B. F. Butler

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, New Jersey

B F Butler
Feb 17

N.Y. Feby. 18/78

D.E.

Advise me how long it will probably take you to experiment on your scheme for utilizing Engine whistles, Fog horns etc. etc for speaking purposes.

I have a plan in view if you are ready.

What claim has this man James upon you?

Did he ever put any money in your pocket?

Yours J. C. Ruff

P.S. When next in town I shall like to have you the letter addressed to Smith, Fleming & Co in reply to the one I delivered you Prometheus

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY, Feb. 18, 1878 ST. NICHOLAS.
SCRIBNER & CO., PUBLISHERS,
743 & 745 Broadway.
J. G. HOLLAND,
ROSWELL SMITH,
SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & CO.

New York, Feby. 18, 1878

Mr. Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been recently called to your invention the Phonograph by Mr. Barnard and as I see you are announced to give an exhibition for the benefit of Fifth Av. Baptist Church this week. I thought that some arrangement might be made under which you could give a similar entertainment

for the benefit of Presbyterian Church 53rd St. and Madison Ave. (Rev. C. S. Robinson Pastor)
I am not as yet empowered to conclude such an arrangement, but if you would be willing to favor us I should be glad to hear from you as to your terms etc. and to then bring the matter before the proper parties in the church of which I am a member

Very truly Yours

Francis Scott

72 Broadway
Feby 18. 78

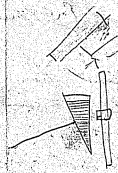
Dear Mr Edison

I have looked through the London Directory for 1878 & can find no such name as "Sheriff Nottage" There are several "Nottages" several "Sheriffs"

Sheriff Nottage may be a resident of some of the large cities in England but there is no directory of any other place in England than London that I know of or any place in New York. —

Do not forget that Frank Leslie's & the Spanish Newspaper people are coming out on Wednesday

They will come out by the
11 o'clock train from here.
Oh! these telephones!!!
Yours truly
S. Jaines



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Jan 15 1895

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A. B. BREWER, Secretary. WILLIAM ORTON, President.

Received at WESTERN UNION BUILDING, BROADWAY and DEY STREET.

New York P Feb 16 1878.

Ers
Fm N Cable Co
Cu 134 Edison New Jersey London
repeats Sheriff Nottage
MJ
a
Mr Vanler
Pl del this to Mr Edison + return Impress Copy to me - he asks that it be sent to your Supt - hole.

to be specially prepared but it will not be ready for a few days. A flat machine which Russell is having made will be ready in a day or two but in the meantime Hollingshead wants to try the electrotyping from a record made on lead foil on a cylinder

Some ladies have asked me if possible, to get a Phonograph for use on Thursday. If you can let me have one send have it sent to me here I shall esteem it a favor. I will send it back to you on Friday morning. I should like to have it in morning so that I can send it over to Brooklyn on Thursday morning

Yours truly
A. Game
Still living in the office
Telephone

73 Broadway
19.2.78

Dear Mr Edison

Leslie's Artist owing to an unusual pressure of work cannot go to Menlo Park to-morrow therefore the appointment must be postponed. They will probably like to go out on Wednesday of next week if it suits you –

I have been requested to ask you (if you have any lead foil) to make a record on a strip of lead foil, have it carefully packed and sent in a Hollingshead will make an electrotype & send you out some. If you can also send in a few feet of lead foil. Hollingshead has ordered some

Tuesday, July. 19/78.

Mind Edison.

I wish you would come up here tomorrow and see Mr. O. He will expect you any time after 2 P.M. He is going out of the City again tomorrow evening, for a short time only.

It seems to me an object for you to come up if possible.

Johnson says he will be at your place tomorrow A.M.

He will know if you will find Mr O. at his office at late as the arrival of 4.15 train. Perhaps that will do if he does not have the 6 or 8 P.M. train.

Yours

J. Miller

Miller
Jan 19, 98

New York, Feby 19. 1878.

Dear Sir,

Will you be good enough to put the enclosed in proper hands to accomplish the end sought, which you will observe, is to give you a Telephone and Phonograph Exhibition.

My tour commences at Syracuse, N.Y. Feby 28th. hence prompt replies to my Circular are desirable. After that time I will be on the road, and can be reached only by Telegraph.

By giving this your personal attention you will greatly oblige

E. H. Johnson

"73"

My Dear

I enclose a note from Mrs Hubbard to whom I can respect for any of what Mrs Bell has written ~

You must come over here & see about your interests in Telephone ~

Go slow on English Road!!

Try & be here Friday & Saturday.

All negotiations between Vail & Bell folks will be totally broken off to-morrow ~ Now for marketing your Telephone! Make Vail, decide now if they will buy yours, & at what price! Yours

G. W. Bain

Cor. 19-78

[ENCLOSURE]

Minn. Ex. Sp. Minn. Co. (1878)

Dear Mr Hamlin

I am

sorry I have not the letter in which Mr Bell spoke of the phonograph. Some time ago I sent Mr Bell a description of the phonograph & a piece of tin foil & he read it exciting intellectual & scientific minds. Mr Bell wrote that Mr Edison was Mr Edison's agent - (I understand) and fascinated & astounded

[ENCLOSURE]

at the instrument.

The last letter speaks of a lecture delivered by Mr. Green on the telephone at the Royal Institution & at the close an exhibition of the phonograph which was received with great enthusiasm. Mr. Bell. noted that the audience was one of the largest he gathered.

The letter which he returned should not be I think I have given you the substance.

Very truly Yours
Gardiner G. Hubbard

This photo was on Feb. 1, 1878 while A. G. Bell & his wife (formerly Mabel Hubbard) were in England on their wedding trip. K. C. Bell 1957

W-2-19-78

My Dear

You want to come down now if you only stay a day & get posted about some Telephone Patents - I am in hopes to get you a big hit in that - When will you have a Phono' model ready to build 1000 on?
Where is "E & J"?
You want to try how many new ways you can make a Phono', There's a fortune in it, if we can keep a monopoly! Have you seen Dolbear's book on Telephone? & Bells Lecture before Society of Tel' Engineers in London?

Yr
W. W. Painter

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ROSWELL SMITH,
SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & CO.

NEW YORK, Feby. 21st 1878

Mr. T. A. Edison:

Dear Sir

Thanks for your favor of 19th rec'd. I shall await with interest the appearance of the small inexpensive instruments.

Very Truly Yours

Frank H. Scott

Chum

Hero

Subject

Pennsylvania Railroad

Office of Superintendent of Telegraph Department

Altoona, Pa. Feby 21 1878

E. A. Edison Esq
Dear Sir

If you any Catalogue and price list of your telegraph apparatus and machinery will you please send one copy of the same and oblige

Yours truly
J. N. Reily

Have you any electric motor suitable for running a sewing machine

J. N. R.

Innsbruck
21/2 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
New Jersey

My dear Sir,

My last letter 14th inst has no doubt reached you. Since No 6 L. Am. I see you succeed before the Polytechnic Cit., in the last No of the Leipzig Illus Monat I see the drawing of your Phonograph as copied from the Sci. Am. The editor comments upon it and expresses his doubts. I am sorry you did not give me Mr. Theodore Puskas address in Paris. He has not yet written to me & I should like very much to enter into correspondence with him. I spent considerbline & money for Bells Telephone as you see from a paper I send you by mail & am anxiously looking for an improved Apparatus that speaks louder & announce itself. I am well acquainted with our Governor Count Taaffe who has once been Prime Minister in Austria and who is very intimate with the

present Emperor Francis Josef. Through him I could reach the Court Circle, also the Port. For Bavaria I have also some friends through whose influence I could get before the King of Bavaria, who is a man more than any other to use and appreciate your Phonograph as well as Telephon. It would afford me great pleasure to assist in bringing your valuable invention into notice. I send to you here a sketch of an ear Telephon on Bell's principle which works well, because using a paper it gives less chance to outside noises. These ear telephs are kept close to the ears by a steel spring. However for military as well as private use the Bell's telephon has not found the desired favor & something better is wanted. I am waiting with great interest for the development of your Phonograph & the accounts given by the American papers, please if some steps have been taken & some lectures given, to send me a paper. I good and extract into some German or French paper. Dear W. Fuller represent your invention in Paris at the exhibition? Have you made arrangts for the sale of your European Patents? I should so much like to go to Paris & work for some prominent invention.

My son is now partner of the well known Zither & violin-Manufacturer Meindl in Vienna (the best instruments of this kind are now made by this Gent. in Mödling near Vienna) & through him too I could effect sales for the Phonograph as well as Telephon.

Please send me the adress of Mr. Parker in Paris & let me know soon how you are progressing.

With my best wishes I remain, dear Sir,

Yours Most Truly

A. L. Mary

Chicago FEB. 22ND, 1878.

T. A. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK, N.J.
DEAR SIR:

YOUR NOTE OF THE 19TH INST AT HAND.

J. F. BAILEY LEFT HERE YESTERDAY FOR THE EAST AND WILL START AT ONCE FOR EUROPE TO REPRESENT THE GRAY TELEPHONE INTERESTS.

HE IS SAID TO BE A SMART FELLOW WHO HAS HAD LARGE EXPERIENCE IN ORGANIZING COMPANIES.

THE PLAN IS TO FORCE THE TELEPHONE SITUATION ABROAD INTO ABOUT THE SAME SHAPE AS IN THIS COUNTRY. THE CONVERSATION WITH ME HAS BEEN HONEVER THAT THEY CARE LITTLE ABOUT THE BELL INTEREST BUT WOULD LIKE TO SECURE A COMBINATION WITH YOU. I GAVE BAILEY A LETTER TO PUSKAS STATING WHO HE WAS SAYING YOU DID NOT FAVOR AN ALLIANCE BUT IF HE COULD BEE A HANDSOME AMOUNT OF MONEY IN COMBINATION I THOUGHT IT WOULD IN THAT CASE BE DESIRABLE.

WHATEVER IS DONE IT WILL BE BETTER FOR PUSKAS TO MEET BAILEY AND KNOW HIS MAN. I SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU SEND ME PUSKAS ADDRESS SO THAT HE CAN BE WRITTEN AND BE MADE ACQUAINTED WITH ALL THE FACTS.

I GAVE BAILEY A LETTER TO BEETLE TO SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME EFFECT.

YOU UNDERSTAND THOROUGHLY THAT I HAVE NO DESIRE IN THE MATTER EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT SEEMS BEST TO YOU. ON GENERAL PRINCIPALS I BELIEVE IN COMPROMISE RATHER THAN ENTER INTO AN EXPENSIVE CONTEST WHICH MAY RUIN THE CHANCES OF ALL.

THE PLAN ON WHICH PUSKAS IS WORKING LOOKS SPLENDID AND IF THE CONCESSIONS ARE OBTAINED WITH THE BEST TELEPHONE

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Man'r

E. 2

OFFICE OF THE ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago 1878

IT WOULD LOOK LIKE A SCOOP.

GREAT BRITTAIN WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT IN WHICH I AM INTERESTED. ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOW ME ANY SHOW THERE IN THE PHONOGRAPH AND TELEPHONE?

I AM JUST NOW ENGAGED IN A SQUABBLE WITH THE WESTERN ELECTRIC PEOPLE OVER MY OLD GEO. H. BLISS & CO. MATTERS. THEY ARE SO FEARFULLY HOGGISH I FEAR IT WILL LEAD TO A COMPLETE SEPARATION OF MY INTERESTS FROM THEM.

I AM A GREAT FELLOW FOR COMPRIMISE BUT I DON'T LIKE TO HAVE ALL MY PILE SCHEMED FOR AND TAKEN WITHOUT EVEN THE SHOW OF PROTEST.

I THINK THIS WILL LEAD TO A SETTLEMENT OF YOUR ACCOUNT IN FULL OR NEARLY SO. THEY DON'T WANT THAT PEN CONTRACT CANCELLED. THERE IS NO GREAT LOSS WITHOUT SOME SMALL GAIN AND YOU WILL GET THE BENEFIT IN THIS CASE.

THE REASON THE ROYALTY WAS SO SMALL LAST MONTH IN REALITY WAS BECAUSE MY ORDERS WERE NOT FILLED. IN JUSTICE TO THE W. E. I WILL SAY TH Y HAVE A LARGE LOT OF GOODS IN THE SHOP AND THEY ARE TRYING TO DO GOOD WORK AND FILL THE ORDERS WITH REASONABLE PROMPTNESS.

HOW IS THE TELEPHONE UNION WITH BELL PROGRESSING? DO YOU THINK IT WILL GO THROUGH?

I SHOWED UP THE PEN TO THE CHICAGO ELECTRICAL SOCIETY LAST NIGHT. THE EVENING WAS STORMY AND THE ATTENDANCE WAS SMALL BUT I THINK THE TELEGRAPHERS WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHO AND WHAT T. A. EDISON IS THAN THEY EVER HAD BEFORE..

THE PEN BUSINESS IS NOT COMING UP TO MY EXPECTATIONS AND I DON'T SEE WHY WITH THE AMOUNT OF HARD WORK I AM PUTTING IN TO IT THAT THE RESULTS DO NOT PAN BETTER.

I AM PUTTING OUT HEAVIER ADVERTISEMENTS

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Man'r

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AND DOING MORE GENERAL WORK THAN EVER BEFORE.

THINK THE GENERAL QUIET TIMES HAS MUCH TO DO WITH IT.

IT IS POSSIBLE I MAY COME DOWN TO NEW YORK NEXT WEEK BUT DO NOT WANT TO GO IF CAN BE HELPED. WHEELER IS SO DILATORY ABOUT HIS REPORTS THAT I CAN'T STAND IT MUCH LONGER.

BEETLE IS GETTING VERY REMISS AND I SHALL HAVE TO DEVISE SOME WAY TO STIR HIM UP IF HE DON'T REFORM.

RESPECTFULLY,

Geo. H. Bliss

GEN. MAN.

# Fifth Ave. Baptist Sunday School,

46th Street, near 5th Ave.

S. F. JUDSON, Sup't.
GEORGE VAUGHAN, Jr., Sec'y.
GEORGE H. HANSELL, Treasurer.

W. H. TOMKINS, Librarian.
H. PINCKNEY, Asst'r "

New York, Feby 23 1878

At the close of the morning session of the 5th Ave Baptist Sunday School the following resolution was read and approved viz:- Resolved -

That the Secretary be requested to convey to Mr Thomas A. Edison and his assistant the cordial thanks of this School for their valuable assistance in the very interesting entertainment of Thursday evening last.

George Vaughan Jr.
Sec'y.

New-York Feb. 23d 1878.

Dear Sir.

The admiring audience at the Polytechnic, as you will remember, are solicitous to see your face again, as the public were led to expect, and now you must gratify us on Thursday, March 14th or March 21st. as may best suit your convenience. Exhibit all the apparatus you can to illustrate propositions. I have placed the evening far ahead so as to give you ample time. Mr Johnston is an admirable speaker and expounder of discoveries, and has the cordial good wishes and sympathy of all who listen to him. Pray again by all means. Please let me know which date you fix upon, so that no mistake may be made, as the crowd will be an enthusiastic one.

Now a confidential word in regard to another matter in relation to your proposed visit to France. My son, a physician here in New-York, who was educated at Harvard University and in his profession in Paris, — who speaks French, German and Italian with equal fluency, would be a very useful person to explain your inventions & discoveries in any language

in Europe - He could put any one of those languages into Latin, or follow, for example, Mr Johnson's lectures and explanations rapidly into either of those languages as fast as he could utter his words, so that a French, German or Italian audience would understand with perfect distinctness every expression made in English. Were you to go to Germany or Italy, or indeed anywhere else before learned societies and colleges in various kingdoms of Europe at the close of the exposition, he would be a very important tongue in your service for making your discoveries and inventions clearly understood in their own language.

Without being obtrusive, I simply suggest this idea to you. Your fame is wide spread and it is destined to be still further carried over the world, if clothed in the languages of the countries you ought to visit while abroad.

When next in the city, call at my Son's office, 20 Spring Place, where I am to be found every forenoon till 11 o'clock,

Very truly and respectfully Yours,

S. V. Smith

20 Spring Place.

Thos. A. Edison, Esq

3 - New York 23. (Feb 23 73)

Thos Edison

If you will be at home monday

I will come out answer

Choever,

12 paid.

Washington D.C.
Feby 23 1878.

My dear Edison:

Come before next Saturday, as I go away for a week, or some oft, & return.

Yours truly,

B. Wylie

Thomas A. Edison, Esq.
Menlo Park
New Jersey.

Bay of Biscay
Feb 23. 78

W. E. Dudley Jr. Prest. | G. P. Crosby Vice Prest.

# The Ansonia Clock Co.

No. 19 & 21 Cliff Street.

A. A. Crosby Secy & Treas. | Wm. J. Davies, Genl. Supt.

New York, Oct 23rd 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir Please inform me written - if it will be better to have two wires for telephone instead of one. Then we shall be using the metallic circuit instead of the ground circuit. Then you are in the Cable please call back & see you about hearing the Phonograph in the Company Office from the Paris Exhibition. The Chest Down Stairs on Cliff Street.

Yours Respectfully

Wm J Davies

will call in forty three

N.B. You will oblige by answering the above by return

Paris Feb 22nd 1878

Friend Edison

Yours of the 10th reach'd today. I shall take the occasion to comply to your request so far as Mr Bergougnan is concerned - you need not expect much sympathy in that quarter, as he is Bell's manufacturer and in the latter interest.

Roosevelt (Cornelius) Bell's agt in France informs me that Bell took out a new patent in the 4th in Washn and on the 12th in Paris, this he thinks will hold as there was not time for the thing to become public property.

For your own protection however I would suggest that you procure your patent in the US and in Europe as nearly together as possible, and do not place a description of future inventions before the public until you know that your foreign patents are secured. I will send you an abstract from the French patent law in a few days, a literal translation of which would in my opinion kill your Electric Pen patent in France and might possibly compromise the Telephone and Phonograph.

I am giving a little attention to patents, not from choice but from necessity. I am afraid we shall have to manufacture in Belgium to protect your "Pen" patent - Mr Brandon assured me that the situation is serious - I shall know more definitely in a few days.

I hope to have progress in Electric Pen matters ere long.

Where is Mr Pettit? Report says that he has been in London for over 2 weeks, I have seen nothing or heard anything direct from the gent

Very truly

Geo L. Beale

E. S. Greeley
Feb 25. 78

Applications

New York
February 25th
1878

Dear Sir.

My Master.

Having read over your letter of this date, I take the liberty of making a single suggestion -

When you have definitely determined to visit

Europe, it is very important that your passage be taken at once, as the steamers are now filling very rapidly.

When the decision is reached I shall be happy to give you all the information in my power.

Yours faithfully,

Edward Sutton Bannister

10, Dering Place

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A. B. BREWER, Sec'y.

Dated July 25th 1878.

Received at Menlo Park

To T. A. Edison Esq

I will take the three o'clock train

sig cac

7 Paid

C. A. Chesney
Feb 26 78

THE HOOD STANDARD GOLD MONTANA SET

Cable-

(Feb. 25?)

To Edison Menlo Park N.J.

Will mail contracts tuesday instruct Lowell to secure remaining patents

Cig

London

14

My Dr Edison (Feb 25?)

Everything conspires to
curtail my Lecture business
I yield to the pressure
and have today indefinitely
postponed the following

Providence R.I.
Corning N.Y.
Bath N.Y.
Bradford Pa
Richmond Ind
Cincin O

And have agreed to give
the following

Syracuse N.Y. 28th
Rochester N.Y. 12th
Buffalo N.Y. 13th

The conspiracy is thus

Composed

E. H. Johnson
Telephone

1st Edisons Aversion.

2nd Hubbard's Opinion that more harm is done by premature Exhibition - than good -

3rd Mr. Appointment as Generalissimo of the Phono Company with full power to act & push things - & Especial advice to consult with you.

4th My Clock work man made a mis calculation as to Power & produced a monstrous Piece of mechanism "but it dont work" - hence I am compelled to go

to Syracuse without it - but otherwise well equipped -
I of course dont pay him - he has gone to work to make some twice as powerful & have it done by the 10th - thus giving me a 1st class outfit for Roch. & Bu.
I want to give that one at Providence for Dr Channing too. These Mfgs & occasional lectures I can easily find time to attend to without any special effort - It is clearly better for me to do it - than a Bell Telephone party -

I return the checks,
as I have no immediate
occasion to use
them. Much obliged
all the same

Yours Truly

E H J

Am glad to hear of the
improvement in the
telephone. You will be
able to give me a
pair of the magnetos
by March 1st

M

(Feb. 16)

New York

T. A. Edison.

Can you be sure by one o'clock today I shall win at two and important to see you answer

Cid Chester

~~203 Broadway~~

Newark NJ

Telegram.

New York Feb 26 97

T. A. E. Menlo Park N.J.

Shall you be in town today

Answer

Sig. Edwin Shafton.

Leave a telegram

Tribune Building

N.Y.

Cannot come in to day. very busy

T A Edison

New York

(Edison) T. A. Edison

Mr Townsend cannot come today

when shall he

L. W. Serrell

call

76 Chambers St

If not this evening saturday Evening or Monday

Morning

(Feb 20) ?
(1878)

H. C. Townsend
Care John Reynolds 9 Pine St NY

Come saturday morning early train
must go to city on Eleven train

T. A. Edison

1-12-78. 40,000.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Gen'l Ass't Station,

Jany 26th 1878

Friend H

Myself and a couple of friends would like to come to Phila one night this week and take a look at the setting machine will you be good enough to ask Mr Thompson if he will ~~allow~~ allow us the privilege and if so on what night we had best come

Yours &c

E B Glass

Reply referred to
Mr Edison for further
information.

Hussey

Henry Edmunds Chan
Nov. 26

HENRY EDMUNDS JUNR

37 Gracechurch Street
London E.C.

Feb 26 1878.

T A Edison Esqr
Menlo Park

Dear Sir

Yours of the 12th to hand. I am sorry you cannot put the Phonograph into my hands commercially but I am pleased you will let me lecture & exhibit it scientifically.

I have promised to read a paper before the Society of Arts. & am only waiting for your notes diagrams & Phonograph which I hope you will send off by first Steamer or else write me definitely when they will be here. as the Soc do not wish to postpone the paper any longer than can be helped. I have written a good deal of a paper already & shall ~~have~~ wait till I hear from you. I am glad you were pleased with the Article in the Times. it caused quite a sensation here in England. Please keep me posted up as to all improvements & new inventions I shall be pleased to do all I can for you in introducing them here.

Yours faithfully
Henry Edmunds Jun.

Please Pa

Vestibule Glass,
Glass Signs,
Gas & Sunshine Lights,
Panels, Cask Lights, &c.
Glass ground by the Hrs.

OFFICE OF

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Chimneys, &c.

New York, July 27 1878

Mr T. A. Edison

Dear Sir.

I have not had the pleasure of hearing from you but presume you are so much occupied with your matters as to leave little time for any other. I would like to have you invent for me an automatic attachment for any piano that from a prepared piece comes reproduce any tune I have thought of this thing for years. have heard of a party in Boston who ascertained such a thing but I have never seen it perfected. I believe if such a machine could be made up so as to be seen it would sell for $100. & then the preparation of plates with tunes would be like the sheet music business. There is an idea here which might be worked up & made very profitable. Thousands of pianos in the land are voiceless & not 2 pcs of them are played steadily, by electricity the most choice & elaborate pieces could be reproduced.

But I started to ask if you had seen the electrical Christmas tree may be ornamented by electricity as stated I do not believe it would be very practical but I would like to see what the effect is. if you have leisure & care to try it I will send you the description if you have not seen it. it may be a very little thing would cause

it practical – it may be good as it is, it seems to me
in the matter of pipe ornamentation there has been already
so proposed towards the mechanical production of work
it must take hand work & costly if it must be reproduced
cheaply it would be introduced much more largely than
now – I do think you have not had time to give sufficient
thought to the production of plates since my visit to you

Yours truly
Henry R. Law.

Pipe Fitting
Pipe Fitting Plant
Feb 28

I have been very busy indeed
hardly have been to bed.

p.p. Pharo

But I have not forgotten.
The phonograph will reproduce piano
music with very little loss of
power. There has been many attempts
to do what you say and it could
be done only I think the phono
would render it valueless.

J. T. MURRAY,
MANUFACTURER OF
TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS,
NOS. 10 & 12 WARD STREET,

Newark, N. J., Feb 27th 1878

Thos Batchelor Esq

Sir

The Rubber Co has drawn on me for $6.87. balance of old bill if you can spare the money for that lot of Rubber please do so as it will help me I am making series for you if you are this way stop in & see them — I have not seen Model of Phonograph yet how about it

Murray

J. T. Murray
Feb. 27

I will be in N. Y.
Friday & Saturday at Law Office of
Norris

A. G. Day
Feb 28

A. G. DAY,
MANUFACTURER OF
**KERITE INSULATED TELEGRAPH WIRE**
AND CABLES,
*Office 120 Broadway, New York*
FACTORY—SEYMOUR, CONN.

New York, 28 Feb 1878

Dear Sir
Will you please call on me first time in the city
I believe you have never done me the honor to call
Yours Truly
A G Day

Dr T. A. Edison
Menlo Park

A G Day
6 Pilem
Rm 80

Dear Sir
You owe me a visit
Come down & see the Telephone
Talk & sing in Bulent's ear
A.G.D.

Washington D.C.
Feb. 28. 1879.

My dear Edison:-

I wish you could find time to come over to the Fifth Avenue Hotel and see me Saturday or Sunday.

Yours truly,

[signature]

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park.
New Jersey

Rec'd F. Butler Chm

~~The pres~~ Feb 25.78

Dear F. Butler

5th Ave Hotel.

Couldn't you come over on ~~Thru~~ PM. train ~~return~~ at 6 pm

~~Hurrah~~ - The phonograph ~~is perfect~~ is memorae.

Edison

Off.

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HOBBINS, CLARK & HIGGLE.

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MANUFACTURER AND IMPORTERS' AGENT
FOR THE SALE OF
WATCHES, DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, ETC.
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Philadelphia, July 28th 1878

My dear Mr Edison

I am very anxious to have a confidential talk with you, about two matters of almost vital importance to myself, One, pertaining to an Electrical patent, and the other regarding my own prospects in the immediate (and permanent future) Will you kindly send me a telegram (at my expense) what would be the earliest convenient time you could see me, and, where, you could best spare me an hour. I take this liberty on the strength of

J P Clark
Oct 27. 1878

our short acquaintance in coaping the Ocean and stopping at the "Hummums" in London, and trust you may be able to name an early time, excepting of course Sunday, next which will suit yourself and

Yours very sincerely
J P Clark

Telegram Menlo Park N J

J P Clark
929 Chestnut St
Phila

At Menlo Park, any time next week, can you do it through the mail.

T A Edison

14 Cortlandt -

[FEBRUARY 1878?] [FROM EZRA T. GILLILAND]

101 Harvey Place
Monday Sick in Bed

Dear Edison

I had hoped to spend one day at the laboratory before I must not have been sick in Bed since Thursday & the moment I can move I must go to Cincinnati going to try to open there next Monday. I have arranged with Johnson to send me Every Cornet Solos & operatic Selections by Celebrated Singers such as he can be enabled to get here & I will in return send him Solos from our best artists to be used at

[FEBRUARY 1878?] [FROM EZRA T. GILLILAND]

his Exhibition to ~~insure~~ insure perfect reproduction & guard against accident we will have Extra Machines & ship them to each provide ourselves with a Tissue beating continuance I forget the name of em - to use to procure the original Key

It isn't going to be any stretch of our Idea to put a sheet of foil in some principle show window with a card on

This Sheet Contains Cornet Solo played by the Celebrated Cornetist & Co Levy at Gilmore's Garden

My May 25 & will be announced at the Phono Exhibition daily & c &c

---

or perhaps Clara Louise Kellogg & so on

no End to this —

Through the Phono is the only way the ~~our~~ humanity people will ever hear these artists

I want you to write me a little note addressed 165 Rue St Cancin

I don't care a Cuss what you say in it — Acknowledge receipt of this or anything you see fit — I want

[FEBRUARY 1878?] [FROM EZRA T. GILLILAND]

Some of your writing & your autograph take extra pains in writing it I have heard so much about your writing I want some of it —

Please say Good Bye to Mrs E & Alice & the Boys — for me

I am going to try to make some money if I do I am coming back to fix up these infernal debts If I dont make any money I'll go bury myself Good Bye

Gill

Menlo Park N.J. Mar 1st 1879

J. C. Heiber & Co.

Gents

Enclosed find card in reference to Phonograph - I refer you to Western Union Tel Co 197 Broadway in regard to it (telephone)

Yours

T. A. Edison

for E

Nary a card enclosed?, Nothing but this sheet in envelope

J. C. H. & Co

Let me have your opinion
the moment you receive
this letter. Do write
to my house and my
full address
is No. 7 Thurloe Place
Brompton. Mind to
consider you the
very fair offer
of the opp.

What a comfortable
market if you favor
it let me know
[illegible] - Say to
what you can to Ring
about a compromise in

Yours Truly
[illegible]

7 Thurloe Pl
Brompton

6 Lombard Street, E.C.
London 2 Mar 187[illegible]

My dear Sir
You don't say who
of your friends of my
I of neighbors -
If you have some
I should be glad to
act for you -
In any case you
should be on the
ground at once - no
time is the time.
I have from the highest
authority that the P.O
will not think this
practical.
If you is asked to
open an then is ready
money for you.

Prosaic — or appear
upon it nothing else
be got out of the box
P.S. for it is of anything
that may be taken
for a joke. I mean
in the line to which
then again — upon
the use of the P.S. for
letters is limited —

Phonograph! — Also
the other may you
not do.

I'll tell you one thing
ok: you can probably
easily do — see what then
will be money —

Spring motor: make a
light machine for the purpose
by one man impelled
by a spring under the seat
to be wound up in advance
for an hour or a longer journey
as it shines can make
figure could do this even
for only a mile or a
level road it will be
much — but if you can
manage any accent
it will be better.
In it you are there
to think upon and do
have for that purpose

Your Lordship
Yours
W. E. Gladstone

OFFICE OF

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**Manufacturer of Sewing Machines,**

528 EIGHTH AVENUE,

☞ Postal Orders payable at Station "E."

New York Mch 2d 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir –

Your favor of recent date duly recd – If you will be kind enough to extend your patience a little longer I will send you a check – I have been extending my business so much lately that I have used considerable cash for machinery – but will be in funds shortly & will then remember your courtesy

Very Truly &
Henry Stewart
Newton

SEASONED BUILDING LUMBER—SPRING WATER ICE

OFFICE OF

file

# U. H. PAINTER,

One Square North of Court House.

~~West Chester, Pa.,~~ 3 mo. 3 1878

My dear:

Why don't you file caveat in relation? Send me price of foil with show wood & c.! How long will it take to get the clockwork done? Put on Phono printed & ready for public on Tuesday — you can get rein as Tuesday. It is three times your size & he utilizes every inch! Glad to hear of your progress in Phono! Can you be here this week?

Painter

Important — Immediate

New York – March 8th

Prof Edison

My dear Sir –

I have the great pleasure to inform you that my wife & two children have just arrived from Havana (also our four negro servants) as we propose to spend some three or four weeks at your hospitable mansion. I thought it would be well to let you know beforehand so as to get things ready – Tell your amiable lady that she need not make any special arrangements for us as my wife is very easily pleased & is a charming companion – the darling children are very good – My poor servants are very helpless & may require a good Irish servant to attend to them – have the beds well aired and extra blankets as we are bringing Chilly from long residence in Habana –

My wife is deeply interested in Science in fact a blue-stocking – Mr Edison might give her an idea of the working of that useful monster the Sewing Machine –

Please have some Rye whiskey & Bass ale in stock – My presence no doubt will assist you greatly in the development of your ideas

I hope to make a great success of your visit
Yours truly
My Dear Friend
Jno Emerson Lund & Colleague
M Quitt

With [illegible] Yours [illegible]

My friend Mr James will accompany us & will require a room or two with Bath (hot & cold water) & all modern improvements, JJB.

[INCOMPLETE]

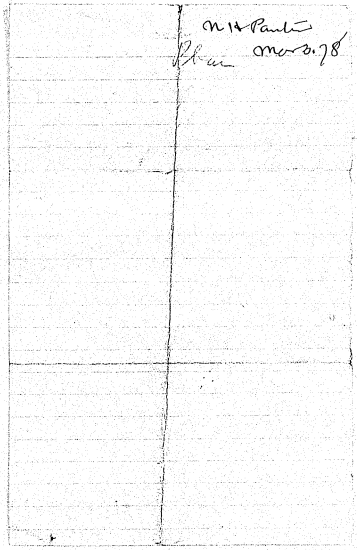
2

I had Johnson come over here to see Hubbard yesterday - & have got them to agree to make him manager of the Phono'leo' - Then you & I can know it is all going on O.K. & can keep it within our control - What do you think of it?

How about the "aerophone"? If you can make it go, there's big money in it, I can set it up for you at sight! Your idea is correct. There is more money in the public, than there is in a short sighted passing corporation. Can't you send me over a little aerophone?

Yours
G. M. Bainer

[INCOMPLETE]



Room 20, W. W. Building
N. Y., March 4, 1878

Prof. Edison,

My Dear Sir,

Though not personally acquainted, yet so many of my friends of my former congregation for 20 years (Metuchen) speak of you as indebted for many civilities, - that I take the liberty of asking a favor.

Dr. G. B. Fowler

Examiner at College of Physic-

Grant & Surgeons & another
Scientific friend are
to visit this building at
1.30 P. M., to-day.
Could they have a five
-minute interview with
Prof. Edison?
Or, if that hour is engaged,
could they have an appoint-
ment another day this
week?

With high regard,
Respectfully Yours,
G. B. Ransley

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Prof John Phin will deem it the pleasure of calling on you tomorrow morning early Very respectfully

P. TERTIUS KEMPSON Jr.
THE YOUNG SCIENTIST
176 BROADWAY, N. Y.
Room 81. P. O. Box 4878.

W. 3-5-78

My Dear Sir

I wanted to see if you realized how much 4000 words were! I will be satisfied if you send me a piece at the rate of 4000 – Can't I get a Phono' here until E & I. gets one made –

Hubbard was in New York yesterday, can't I to work as a Sales Supt.' now if he uses to ~~get~~ advantage the start he has on this he will be well taken care of – Will you keep an eye on him & attend him a little – The aerophone case came in to-day – but where are all those 74 drawings you took to Sewells a week ago – I want to see the aerophone &

I want you to let me market it - will you? If the one you make is loose let me have it to show Parks Presses, & I'll put the case thro' O.K. They don't believe it will work!

Yours

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York Mch 5th 187 8

Received at 11.25 PM

To T. A. Edison
Menlo Park, N.J.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Will start for your
labratory in the eight
am train tomorrow
Wednesday sixth Feby
J. W. S. Arnold

Paid

Opr at my say so he thinks
it should read Sixth March
but would not alter it "OK"

1.

London 5th March 78.

My dear Edison

I get lots of letters from you — many thanks for them. This is only my first letter to you, but you must excuse me. I was awfully bothered with the English contract.

Today I sent you 2 registered letters containing the Contract, the Agreement about the advance of fifteen hundred pounds and a Power of Attorney.

After what I cabled you first you will perhaps not think much

[illegible]

of the Contract — but under the circumstances I don't think that I could have made a better one — About a fortnight ago, that is when I recalled you first — I had nearly settled everything with my parties — when they suddenly backed out because they were informed by competent people that your English patent was for several reasons a weak one — In the first place it contains two distinct inventions which is always objectionable at least here in England — because people might infringe on the phonograph on the ground that one of your claims which relate to the telephone is a bad one. —

Then to protect your phonograph you have ~~mistakenly~~ to fight for the telephone although nobody might infringe the telephone. That is the reason why the patent would not convent, to eventually pay more than one third (of expense) for legal proceeding against infringers.

Secondly you have some thirty claims; — the more claims you have in a patent here the more they are afraid of such a patent. If one claim will not hold good the whole patent falls to the ground. Still you disclaim. — Bessemer looked through your first specification in the Patent Office and told

me afterwards that there were several claims which you could not explode in an English Court — Now he may perhaps be wrong but his opinion about patent matters goes here a great way.

Bessemer is also afraid that you have not enough of the Phonograph in your preliminary specification — That is that there is not enough in it which will lead up to the phonograph of your first specification. — He says he would be very sorry if the court would declare your patent invalid on this ground. — ~~He ask~~ By the by he asked me to give you his compliments, so he thinks your Phono is a marvellous invention

5.

It certainly is a pity that you have not a separate patent for the phonograph — but that cannot be remedied now — and we have to make the best of it. —

I should like with your consent to put your patent before the best counsel I can get here, — to have it carefully looked through — and to get an advice what parts have to be disclaimed. — I would then be able to send you the written opinion of the best barrister (in patent cases) Mr. Aston. — the sooner you make ~~the~~ necessary disclaimers — the better. —

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My letter is very confused — but perhaps you will be able to make something out of it. — I came today late back from the city, and am writing in great haste — because tomorrow

morning I'll be off for Paris. — I have had now time enough here in London — people are awfully slow here. — it took the lawyers nearly a fortnight to draw up the Contract.

The Stereoscopic Co. is a very good firm. — Rich — and do a large business — sell a great deal in retail. — Their principal store is in Regent Street — have the best customers of London. Nottage is Alderman & Sheriff of London — his influence will help us in litigations. —

If you don't think it too much — will you give me one third of your interest in the English Contract? — That will leave you 33⅓ percent

of the profits — or at least a minimum royalty of respectively: $16\frac{2}{3}$ — $13\frac{1}{3}$ and 10 percent of the selling price. If that is agreeable to you, then please pay to Sewel out of my 500 pounds — the 200 dollars (or thereabout) which I owe him — further the costs for patents in the remaining countries which you mentioned in one of your letters — and send me the remainder to Paris care of Col. Beille.

The agents of the Union Bank in New York are (I think) Hunter Brothers.

I will look after your interests here in England.

What Ericsson and I get notice of

8.

the arrival of small phono
I will come back from Paris and
show the same to Nottage where-
upon he will order by cable
through you a few hundred.

— Please send me also as soon
as possible a plate instrument
so that I might give orders for
the Exhibition.

Send also clocks. — Nottage
wants to give orders for them too.

— I have a great deal more
to write but I am too tired today.
Will write you soon from Paris.

Yours truly

Thos. Edison

Greece got his phono

We are now waiting for the
telephones.

The Pathé Phonograph Co.

Chicago MARCH 5TH, 1878.

T. A. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK, N. J.
DEAR SIR:

LETTER REC'D FROM BEETLE OF FEB. 16TH & 17TH. IT DON'T PLACE MATTERS IN EUROPE IN VERY FAVORABLE LIGHT THUS FAR BUT SEEMS TO PROMISE BETTER FOR THE FUTURE.

STORY, WHO IS AGENT FOR BELGIUM AND HOLLAND IS DOING WELL AND MAKING GOOD SALES CONSIDERING THE EXTENT OF HIS TERRITORY.

THE AUSTRIAN AGENTS ARE JEWS. THEY PAID FOR THEIR FIRST BILL OF GOODS BUT FOR THE SECOND LOT OF ABOUT $1.000.00 ARE HOLDING AND BEETLE EXPECTS TO CANCEL THEIR CONTRACT AND GIVE IT TO ANOTHER PARTY WHOM HE THINKS WILL BE MORE ENERGETIC AND MAKE LESS TROUBLE.

GERMANY IS NOT YET STARTED BUT BEETLE EXPECTS TO GET IT UNDER WAY SOON.

THE SALE TO SWITZERLAND OF 30 IS FOR FUTURE DELIVERY AND ALTHOUGH THE PARTY IS FIRST CLASS HE HAS GONE ON A SHORT TRIP AND NOTHING WILL BE DONE TILL HIS RETURN.

THE SALE TO PORTUGAL IS IN ABOUT THE SAME SHAPE.

BEETLE THINKS HE HAS A BIG PROSPECT FOR A SALE TO SPAIN BUT YOU ARE SUCH A LOVER OF ACCOMPLISHED RESULTS THAT I WONT MENTION IT.

HE ALSO SAYS AN ARRANGEMENT IS ABOUT CLOSED FOR ITALY. WE SHALL SEE.

THE BARON WENT BACK ON BEETLE IN FRANCE AND HE HAS HAD TO COMMENCE SELLING HIMSELF. THE FRENCH MANUFACTURER HAS BEGUN TO DELIVER OUTFITS ---ALL SIZES AT

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Man'r

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago 1878.

$10.00 AND HE REPORTS THE GOODS AS SPLENDID.

THIS MAKES A MARGIN ON FUTURE FRENCH SALES AND HE SAYS CAN DO WELL IN FRANCE HEREAFTER.

THERE IS A RUMOR FLYING ROUND IN THE PAPERS THAT THE GENERAL USE OF THE ELECTRIC PEN IN RUSSIA HAS BEEN PROHIBITED AS THE GOV'T CONTROLS THE PRINTING BUSINESS. SHOULD THIS PROVE SO THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE THING TO DO AND THAT IS TO STOCK THE GOV'T. I DON'T TAKE MUCH STOCK IN THE REPORT AS THERE ARE PARTIES NEGOTIATING FOR THE AGENCY.

BEETLE HAS GONE INTO AN EXTENSIVE SCHEME OF ADVERTISING THE PEN IN FRANCE.

HERZ HAS RETURNED FROM ITALY. HE REPORTS NO PROSPECTS OF MAKING A SALE OF THE QUAD. THERE THE GOV'T HAS AN OVERSTOCK OF WIRES THERE THEY ARE POOR. THEY HAVE THE STEARNS DUPLEX WHICH IS NOT USED BECAUSE NOT BUSINESS ENOUGH.

THEY ALSO CLAIM TO HAVE THE MMERS, OR FRENCH QUAD. HERZ IS GOING TO GERMANY AND RUSSIA AND SAYS HE IS GOING TO MAKE A FAIFTHFUL EFFORT TO SELL THE QUAD THERE. HE EXPECTS TO COME BACK ABOUT APRIL. HERZ HAS SECURED THE GRAMME MACHINE AND JABLOCKHOFF LIGHT FOR THE U. S.

AT A RECENT EXPERIMENT IN PARIS ONE GRAMME MACHINE RAN 16 LIGHTS FOR AN SEVERAL HOURS WITHOUT A BREAK OF A SECOND IN ANY ONE OF THE LAMPS.

ONE OF THE PUBLIC SQUARES OF PARIS WAS BRILLIANTLY ILLUMINATED AND IMMENSE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE TOOK PART THE THE PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT SO BEETLE WRITES.

HERZ CLAIMS TO HAVE INFORMATION FROM PRESCE THAT THE NEGOTIATION IN ENGLAND FOR THE QUAD. IS INTERRUPTED BY STEARNS WHO CLAIMS A SLICE?

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Man'r

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PUSKAS HAS NOT TURNED UP IN PARIS.

BEETLE SAYS MR. MIGNON WHO HAS BEEN AT THE HEAD OF THE HOWE SEWING MACHINE CO. ON THE CONTINENT IS READY TO PUSH THE PHONOGRAPH, TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC PEN IN HOLLAND AND IN AS MUCH TERRITORY AS CAN BE ALLOTTED IF PLACED IN HIS HANDS SOON.

IF PUSKAS IS TO BE DETAINED IN ENGLAND LONG WOULD IT NOT BE WELLTO LET THIS ARRANGEMENT GO AHEAD AS QUICKLY AS IT CAN BE AGREED UPON ALL ROUND.

THE ENGLISH CO. ARE PUSHING THE PEN IN ALL THE COLONIES. THE SALE OF AN ENGLISH PATENT VIRTUALLY MEANS THE SURRENDER OF AN IMMENSE PORTION OF THE WORLD. YOU OUGHT TO KEEP THIS FACT IN MIND IN YOUR FUTURE SALES OF PATENTS.

RESPECTFULLY,

Geo. H. Bliss

GEN. MAN.

Ben Thompson

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Dated Toledo O 7/6 187 5

Received at

To Thomas Edison

This morning I picked up our Commercial and I find a lengthy article interviewing you and speaking of your Phonograph. I am glad indeed to hear of the grand success of it and I congratulate you on the ground of being the discoverer of it. I expect to be down that way pretty soon and will give you a call, Why

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

dont you call and
see a fellow once in
a while when on
your way to and from
Ottawa. I think you
would drop in, if there
comes a time when you find
it convenient. I should like
to hear from my old
friends.

Your friend
Ben Thompson
Ft. Illinois

Ben Thompson
Dec 6 '78

72 Broadway
Mar 7. 1878

Dear Mr Edison

Mr Bogart, the Secretary of the American Soc. of Civil Engineers, is anxious to see you as to introducing the beauties & secrets of the Phonograph at one of the meetings of the Society. He proposes going to Menlo Park by the 11 train to morrow (Friday) morning. The Spanish newspaper people are too busy now to come out. They have told me if I will write an article on the Telephone & Phonograph they will translate it into Spanish & publish it

Yours truly
S. Sanders

Hartford, Conn. Mch 7th 1878

Prof T. A. Edison
Menlo Pk

Your favor - referring me to Mr Chever, was duly rec'd. Mr Chever replies by Printed Postal - in the name of "The Phonograph Co" that in a few weeks, they expect to be in a position to supply the instruments.

Enclosed please find a "Cutting" from to-day's Courant here, which is rather humorous, at the same time suggestive. Is not your telephone free from such "New departures" in the line of Cheating, if not, we must look to, please let me hear if any party here is acting in your interest, or for you regarding your telephone.

Is Mr Chever the party to address regarding this as well? Is any one acting for you in Germany, in relation to your inventions.

Very truly, Yours

E. H. Bray 962 Windsor St

MARCH 8TH, 1878

FRIEND EDISON,

HERE I AM IN A PRETTY SHAPE. ASHLEY WRITES ME THAT MY ARTICLE BEFORE THE CHI. ELECTRICAL SOCIETY IS A ROMANCE AND ALL THAT I HAVE EVER HEARD ABOUT YOU ISN'T SO. I AM REDUCED TO THE NECESSITY OF GOING TO NEW YORK TO WRITE AN ACCURATE HISTORY OF YOUR LIFE IN SELF DEFENCE. IT IS SO HARD TO LIVE NOW DAYS I CAN'T SPARE TIME FOR SUCH RECREATION BUT WHAT MUST BE DONE CAN'T BE HELPED.

I TELEGRAPHED YOU TODAY IN LOUDERBACKS BEHALF. HE IS RED HOT ON THE PHONOGRAPH QUESTION. HOPE YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU CAN FOR HIM. IT LOOKS AS IF I SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REACH N. Y. TILL LAST OF NEXT WEEK.

WHEELER WRITES THAT THE FAST PRESS IS STILL ON THE STILTS. I SHALL STAY AT MENLO TILL FINISHED SO IF YOU DON'T WANT A PERMANENT BOARDER HURRY IT UP. GRAY SAYS YOU GAVE BAILEY A LETTER TO PUSKAS BUT DID NOT SAY YOU INTENDED TO JOIN TEAMS ON THE TELEPHONE . HOW IS IT? BEETLE WRITES THAT ROOSEVELT HAS WITHDRAWN THE SUIT AT PARIS BEGUN AGAINST THE PARTIES SELLING THE GERMAN TELEPHONES. THEY FIND A FRENCHMAN HAS AN OLD PATENT WHICH ENDAGERS THE BELL PATENTS. BEETLE'S INFORMATION ON SUCH MATTERS IS NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE. HE SAYS THE GERMAN TELEPHONES ARE SOLD AT $3.00 IN PARIS AND THE BELL AT $6.00.

RESPECTFULL,

Geo. H. Rose

GEN. MAN.

T. A. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK, N. J.

The Denver & Rio Grande Railway Co.

President's Office.

256 South Fourth St.

Philadelphia Mch 8 1878

E A Johnson

My dear Johnson

I have your note & will take pleasure in hunting you up when I come to N. Edison's last development, ~~are~~ beat Aladdin completely. I always declared he could invent anything he wanted to. Give him my compliments & tell him I wish he would discover for me some mode of building a Railroad in Mexico without money.

Mon

Mrs Palmer, his ma
Lottie Stephenson is with
me & I should like her
also to see the latest
wonders if convenient

Yours truly
W J Palmer

My Dr E

I answered this
told him how you
would set about doing
it - viz. 1st Dispense
with the R.W. then find
some other means of loco
-motion - that radical
innovation was your
prompted Mr Mann

Geo F Parker Esq
Mar 8. 78

Telephone

University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Mch. 8. 1878.

My dear Sir:—

I am to lecture in the Academy of Music here on the Telephone on the 15th of April and I went on to New York last week to see Mr. Orton about using some of the W.U. wires, which of course he gave me most cheerfully. While there I asked Mr. Bowner to telegraph you to see if I might come and see the Phonograph on Saturday last. Prof. Draper and I started to come on the 12 train. But we found that the train left at 11 after we got to the station and that the next train would prevent our returning to N.Y. in time for dinner.

I wanted to see you to interest

you in my lecture so far as to suggest good things for me to do, and to ask of you the loan of the large phonograph and of some of your carbon telephones. Mr. Bentley has taken hold of the matter in real earnest and today he promised to give me talk on the stage with Chicago direct. He is very enthusiastic about your carbon telephone, which has surprised and delighted me also beyond measure. Can talk be made loud and intelligible to an entire audience?

Will you furnish me such a small phonograph as the one you sent Mr. Bentley? I want to use it at the University and for practice. Of course I will pay you for it.

Can't you find time to come on to the lecture & stay with me?

Yours truly

T. A. Edison, Esq. } George H. Barker.

Office of
Charles A. Cheever, Treas.

32 Tribune Building
New York, Mch 8th 1878

T.A. Edison

My Dr Edison —

I am a little shaky about the Induction Coils I have the sound was very low on the 26 miles I worked — & this time I've got to work to. Nahin you better let Bergman bring in with him Monday 2 of your best — I will put them on my Boxes — I only want the Coils —

Please ask Krouse to send me 2 or 3 points to take with me I've got the Plates — & I expect to have the Clock work O.K.

Cheever will hand you $500. on Monday — Could it do it today

Yours Johnson

Marion March 9th/70

E. F. Dole Esq.
Long City
L.I.

Write this
Type here address of
Mr. Marsh
1012 Washington
Newark N.J.

Sir. Will you please let me know where
Mr. Marsh's machine shop is you say 1012
Ward St but as I am informed that there is
no marks of any kind in much park but
your own I concluded that you must have
forgot to mention where it was

Respectfully yours
M. Cummings

Dodi –

OFFICE SUPT. TELEGRAPHER
MAR 9 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Just without date to hand –

If you can send me down a working another it will be a good leverage – Will I have to wait for "E H J" to make a Phono before we get you or one over here? I likes his new position. He has now a first class chance to show what there is in him – They like him so far & if he makes it a success we

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can get plenty money
at sight for new things.
I find that Joy & Green
have done nothing! Have
failed to get a cent
to manufacture or try any
experiments - Will you
help us to get it? so we
can put on wheels - We
work let 3 months possibly
by as they have!

W. H. Lewis

Paris 10th March 78.

My dear Edison,

~~Just before leaving England I~~ wrote you a long letter; - I hope you got it all right. -

Rec'd Pontoise March 78

I see by one of your letters that Mottage cabled you and sent also a letter. - I never knew anything about it - till I got the information from you. -

That was at the time when he backed out from the first arrangement. - Brewer made then the proposition that he should advance one thousand pounds. I was mad at Brewer because he had no authority to act in the matter. Mottage seized right away the idea - and cabled you - (as I see), because I declined his new proposition. - I am glad that you left the matter ~~for settling to me~~ with me to settle. - Brewer

knew all about the cable and the letter — but never said a word to me. — He is a great busy-body.

Tomorrow afternoon I am going to show the phone to the members of the „Academy". —

The patent for France has been granted a few days ago.

As soon as I get the small phone which I hope is already coming I will order here one thousand for the Exhibition.

I am also anxiously waiting for more telephones. — The telephones I brought over with me wouldn't work very well, — I opened them & found that ~~that~~ the carbon disks were spoiled; — they were quite wet and fell to pieces when I took them out. — I cannot account for that, — but I know positively that there never came a drop of water near to the telephone since you handed the same over to me. — Can it be the effect of the sea-air?

I got your cable that the phonograph is perfect. — I congratulate you most heartily.

Please let me have a plate instrument as soon as possible. — We can sell here lots of them during the Exhibition. —

Tomorrow night I am off for Brussels; — I heard this afternoon that the belgian Government is just now looking into the telephones. —

I can work your phone now pretty well. — The other day when Preece lectured before the Institution of Civil Engineers I showed off your phone. — It talked very distinctly and so loud that they heard it all over the hall. There was plenty of applause and cheering. — I thanked in your name. —

I don't know whether I mentioned it in my other letter that I showed your phone to the Crown prince of Austria.

If you made an essential improvement on your phone, take a patent out for it in England to strengthen your patent there. —

Preece is a pretty decent man, but rather on the side of Bell. — I think a have to work with him; he has great influence at the Post Office. —

Paris 12th March 78

I exhibited the phonograph yesterday before the Members of the Academy, — with what success you'll see by the Enclosed letter. — I am just now off for Brussels and from here to London. — Received this morning Batchelor's letter informing me that small phone is shipped. More from Brussels or London

Yours very truly
Theo. Puckas

Colonel Beckle is a very nice man.

C N D Mch 11th 1878

Friend Edison

My propositions to the Pac. mail S.S. and Pan. RR Co's. have been referred to the Isthmus for action. The answers are essential to starting as travel and supplies will be directed and graduated by them.

The answers will not reach me for at least twenty or twenty five days to come. In meantime would like to familiarize myself with my instruments and subject. To that end I wish permission to exhibit the Telefone and Fonograf here some few times. If any difficulty through prior exclusive grants am willing to confine myself to Long Island as the not most profitable field in the universe, but still, where the necessary initiation can be made in the new work. The South American English are apt to be critical not to say captious, hence my desire to

eliminate all "bugs" inseparable from a beginning.

I want, by the way, a photograf of yourself (to be copied for a magic lantern view). I do not mean to neglect anything so important to the interest of my lectures or entertainments south. Fac simile sig. etc. Try and accommodate me with photo ~~on board~~ if you have one; even on tin if its good; and also give me your sig on a card or anything stiff that will keep. Give it in good style. Whoop in your answer as Jerry B whooped em in to you on Boston 1

Ys truly T. J. Smith

To T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Care Ludwig C.N.V.
197 Broadway N.Y.

H. B. Blavatsky
Mar 11, 78

Commenced

302 West 47th St
N.Y. Mch 11. 1878

Thos A. Edison Esq
Dear Sir

Mme Blavatsky hopes you will be able to dine with her on Thursday, at 6 p.m. and will be pleased to explain to you something about the occult forces that you desire to know.

If, however, you should be unavoidably prevented from coming in town on that day, & will telegraph her on Wednesday Evening so that she can make necessary arrangements, she will come out, agreeably to your polite invitation, with me on Friday by

the 11 a m train & return at
3 o'clock.

Yours truly

H. S. Pierce

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

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Dated Metuchen N.J. 14 Rec'd at Western Union Building, BROADWAY AND DEY STREET.

To T A Edison March 11 1878

20 New Church St NY:

Come here to see you on important business. Return by next train will go straight to Church St Answer

H. R. Olcott:

Paid ch

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

E N Wilson
Mar 12 78

New York City March 12th 1878

To
Thomas A. Edison
Dear Sir

Will you please excuse my boldness in addressing these lines to you. I am a poor Colored Woman in destitute circumstances and have two valuable Inventions which I have placed in the hands of a reliable Brooklyn Gentleman who has kindly interested himself in my behalf and has volunteered to assist me in the Development of my Inventions which Mr Wm Osgood has written me word that I am entitled to a patent which he says are worth Thousands

of Dolars, this Brooklyn Gentleman is without a child but has nephews and holds an honorable position both in the Church and Society. He requires the sum of $5.00 five hundred Dolars to be placed in his hands to assess the Talent and Develope it if you have no prejudice in regards to Nationality and will please lend a helping hand by loaning me the above amount on whatever Interest that you think proper to ask. he will repay you both Interest and Principle and will gaurentee for my Respectability and Honesty an untarnished reputation is all the security that I have to offer you I pray that you will please assist a poor Colored Woman that has been struggling for the past two years to find one who would respect Brain talent whether it origenates from Colored or White. Will you please consider the matter and send me word

Respectfully

Mrs E. M. Wilson

531. W. 25th Street

New York City

P.S.

The Gentlemans Adress is Mr John Robertson

184. Wyckoff Street

Brooklyn

New York

he will gladly corroborate my statement

JOHN C. HIEBER & CO.,

**Commission Merchants & Jobbers in Dry Goods,**

*Nos. 1 & 3 John Street and 2, 4, 6 & 8 Main Street.*

Utica, N. Y. 3/12 1878

Thos A. Edison Esq

N.Y.Cy

Please send us a circular of your Phonograph & Telephone, & explain whether both can be used together, or not

Truly yrs

J C Hieber & Co

Subject

# Pennsylvania Railroad

Office of Superintendent of Tyrone Division.

Tyrone, Pa. Mar. 13th 1878

Hon. T. Edison Esq

Dear Sir.

I am much obliged for your reply to my letter of a recent date. May I ask who does your manufacturing now since you have worked out of that business. Namely where can I get a hold of your electric pen or agent. What is to be the practical use of your phonograph and of which I read recently in a Phila. paper where an experiment was had with it. Hope that I have not been too inquisitive & that you will oblige one

Very yours &c

D. H. Railey

W. C. Gedney Pres't. — G. P. Crowell Vice Pres't.

# The Ansonia Clock Co.

Nos. 19 & 21 Cliff Street.

A. H. Crowell, Secy & Treas. — W. J. Davies, Genl Supt.

New York March 13 1878.

Mr Edison

Dear Sir:

Inclosed I send you the box you require with four — twenty 4c 500 as I receive it.

I have had Electrotype made from the Alabaster Cast it looks well — and I have some confidence that an impression can be got in glass. I will try it this week at the glass factory in Brooklyn. —

Yours Truly

Wm J Davies

P. Lorillard Mfg
Mar 11, 1878

Jersey City N.J. March 13th 1878

Thos A. Edison Esq

Dr Sir

Mr Hood was kind enough to give me a letter of introduction to you for this day but I did not fully expect entertain later than I would have to leave home in the morning in order to get back the same day.

If you will be kind enough to arrange a holiday the coming for my self and friends to speak general with be obliged to you

P Lorillard Jr

My Dr E Bu 3/21/78

Notice the Item at bottom of this Page – The W.U. (Phelps) Telephones are being put out here in great profusion and they are styled the Edison Telephone – Not by written – but by a sort of tacit understanding

Clearly they are trading on your name – What do you think of this for a piece of cool impudence

Speaker worked OK. – but weak last night Bu to RH. –

My Clock work broken by N.Y. Central Bag. Masher had to return it to Nyork

My Man is in a bad way

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for money to pay for Springs – I think it would be only fair if you would advance him 30 or 40 $ on a/c

Hastily

Phinney

Cincinnati Electric Works,
W. C. ROSS & Co.
165 RACE STREET.

(15/5)

Cincinnati Mar 14 1877

T A Edison Esq
Menlo Park N J

Dear Sir

I wrote Batchelor a few days ago concerning Johnson. Since which time the Executive Comm of the Society have had a meeting and decided that or rather appointed a committee of 5 persons who are to make it their especial business to look after Johnson & make the preliminary arrangements for the Exhibition should they close with him.

At the most meeting of the society I have been selected to give a description or explanation of the principle & practical working of the Telephone also a short history. It is about this that I write today — as I desire to give

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a description and history of yours and would like it to correspond with any published statement you have made — This is important as these papers are printed becoming the property of the Society & matter of record. I would like sketch drawings (small) these we have photographed & show them up about 5 feet in diameter by means of a ~~Tab~~ lantern & Electric light

You or Batch can make these drawings in a few minutes. also write a description of it and say anything you would like said about it these meetings are attend by the Boston and the newspapers are always represented. There are 125 Telephones in practical operation in this city Armstrong says the Telephone is

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say Cincin is one of their best customers

The Shotten Union 5 have got the Phone art of what they call Grays Telephone which is a dead infringement on Bells the only difference being that Gray winds his spool with a primary & secondary coil keeping a local circuit on the primary making the core magnetic, instead of using permanent magnet.

This description of the Telephone I am to make will in no way interfere with Johnson's arrangement as his will be given at a public Hall to the public and an admission charged my papers are to be read before the society

The Bell Telephone Company have furnished me everything I need in showing things such as the apparatus

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printed pamphlets &c giving me all the information I require —

At the last meeting Mr Ross the gentleman with whom I am associated gave an exhibition of the Electric light which was highly entertaining to the society inasmuch as just at this time the newspapers are agitating the question of the practicability of lighting Cincin by means of the Electric light from the Hill tops with which the City is entirely surrounded.

Last Saturdays Enquirer had the New York Sun article on the Phonograph and Monday Commercial had a column of Editorial (I send you the Comcl). I would like the privilege of making a Phonograph or if you are not willing I should do that

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please consider this an application for the agency for this section. or at least to represent it.

The Jones Bro who are successors to my old business have have played the Telephone Company a mean trick (I enclose their advertisement which explains itself) and I have heard it intimated that they are trying to make a phonograph. In their hands (as they proved use it for an advertisement) Johnsons prospects have ceased be entirely destroyed.

When the Telephone first come out had it advertised to be in for exhibition at three place. where they had models &c gave away the whole darned thing creating the impression that as they were so simple & inexpensive

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they ought to be sold very cheap greatly injuring the Company business —

You give me the authority & if they attempt it with the Phonograph I will hop onto them lively.

I am doing nicely here having secured nearly all of my old trade or are working 5 hands — principle part of business is Telephone work

If you dont have time to write let Batch write. I need be great pleased however to have you write. Has that old factory blown away yet. I have got a power of attorney from the old man to sell think I could sell the dam thing if I should come there

Yours Very Truly,
Ed Williams

Please give my regards to Mr Edison also to Alex & the others

So you gentlemen have heard

71 Broadway
N.Y. Mch 15. '78

Dear Sir.

As the visit of Mme Blavatsky and myself, today, was made conditional upon receiving a telegram from you on Wednesday Evening, and no word was received from you, we, of course, have remained in the city.

The copy of "Isis Unveiled" awaits your coming to Mme B's home – 302 W 47th St – which she trusts may not be long deferred. If you should find it any possible to call in the morning, or before her Dinner hour – 6 pm – you will do wise to let her know a day ahead, as she has engagements at present that take

H. L. Olcott
Nov 15. 78

he not frequently, and she would not like to miss the pleasure of seeing so ~~thoroughly~~ a Heathen as you say you are. Good people of our kind are scarce in this pretended Christian country!

Yours

H. S. Olcott

T. A. Edison Esq

Subject.

# Pennsylvania Rail Road Company

Pennsylvania Rail Road Division
Office of General Superintendent.

Altoona, Pa. Mar. 15 1878.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park. N.J.:

My Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in enclosing you a tracing of a whistle of our standard passenger and freight Engines also photographs of different classes, not however a complete set, but enough to show you form &c.

How far have you succeeded in the development of this idea of magnifying speech by whistle &c. When you have done something let me know & I will send you a ticket to come over & see us & we will do our best to entertain you & probably we can go over to Pittsburgh. If not earlier

come a day or two ahead of time & I will go to Chicago with you to June meeting of American Electrical Society after we have done up PRR — Our shops will be at your service while here to help in perfecting any appliance.

I told Watson to send us half dozen Phonographs when ready for business. I wish I had your permission to play with the principle of your Phonograph to make a wing machine of different shape for my own amusement.

Yours truly

J. Chester Wilson

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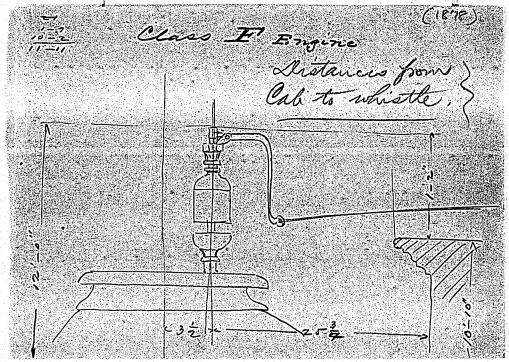
(1876)
Class F Engine
Distances from Cab to whistle.
12'-10"
7'-2"
10'-10"
3½"
2'-5½"

G G Ward
Mar 16 78

Would it be convenient for us to run down to Menlo Park one day this next week, he sails for England next Saturday

Please let me know by return

Yours &c

Geo G Ward

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited.

16 Broad Street

New York 16 Mch 1878

Friend Edison

I had a letter from Preece a few days ago he is anxious to know all about you, his lectures on the Phonograph he says have been a great success

The manager W. Fuller of the Direct Co is over here and would like to pay you a visit and I am anxious he shall make your acquaintance

OFFICE PHIL. COURIER
MAR 17 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

My Dear —

I will get the extension you need to-morrow —

But forget that you promised J & I a commission on all we need sell you. Delighted for me $75.00 or $100.00 for some farm (in this county) I have a man now who is ready to pick up @ $70.00 — I think I can make it $12.00 — Mind you promised me, to give me a backset it — This is Business! Money not sentiment! You know I, made $6.00 better than you would have done — Phew! go for, if we had not taken hold, Let your friends! Bid on what you have to sell! But waste your substance on swine!

Yours Truly

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Washington D.C. Mar 17 1878

Received at

To Prof Thos A. Edison

Will attend to it Monday

U.S. Pender

5 P.M.

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

W H Preece Esq
Electrician London
The phono carries the con-
gratulations of
Mrs O Edison
of Menlo Park

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Washington D.C. Mar. 18th 1878

Received at

To Prof. T. A. Edison

Time extended for five days; will write you further & Mails. get my letter in morning.

U.S. Painter

16 D.H.

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Cincinnati Electric Works,
W. C. ROSS & CO.
185 RACE STREET.

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Cincinnati Mar 18 1875

Thos A Edison Esq
Menlo Park N J

Dear Tom

Since writing you concerning the Telephone & Phonograph we received a telegram from Johnson say returned that day to New-York could not come to Cincin at present nor could not state when he could.

In anticipation of his coming I had worked up the newspapers pretty nicely having all my own items in print! Stuffed them up till I got an Editorial & wound up by writing a column myself — (which by the way I hope contains nothing to which you object) I sent you a copy — Having got things worked up pretty hot I wanted like to get permission to make and Exhibit the

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Phonograph at the next Society meeting also to the Newspaper men.

The Society will pay Johnson what the Engagement would have cost him and Mr Ross and myself will be to the Expense of Constructing a machine. —

Concerning the Telephone about which I wrote in my last I have received no reply & dont know what you are willing to do but I would like to ask in addition that if you have got a Photo or picture please send it I will return it & promise only to show it at the Society meeting in the stereopticon — I will have old Bells — you will find Jones Bro advertisement on the first page of the operator — I referred to it in my last —

In getting up some statistics for

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the society today. I find there is 67½ miles of Poles 225 miles wire (53 Private lines) upon which are used 120 Telephones 30 Dials & 30 Printers & 1000 cups Battery one Line has 13 offices another 7 & a great many 3 & 4 this is pretty good for a small city

Mr Ross the Gentleman with whom I am associated with in business belongs to a wealthy Cincin family is a mining & Civil Engineer by ~~Prof~~ Education is a graduate of Columbia School of mines in N.Y. often heard of you there.

He spends most of his time experimenting I run the shop working 5 hands and doing very nicely. the machinery is of latest pattern & finest kind — I hope you will decide favorably concerning Phonograph — Phonetograph

Mr Kirby & your family & claim you in ever
of you very truly
Ed. T. Giddens

P. Lovelland
Mar 19. 78

Jersey City Mch 19/78

Dr A Cairns Esq
Dr Sir

Your telegram did not arrive at the factory until about four o'clock P.M. last Saturday – too late for us to visit you.

Please appoint some other day in the near future – any day except Wednesday or Saturday

Respectfully Yours
P. Lovelland Jr
per H.F.S.

Please see Geo
P. Lovelland
"Pat's dog fight
after Lodge – Wed.

New York

March 19th
1878

Sir,

Will you allow me to inquire if there is any probability of your going abroad and needing my services?

It is so long since we have heard from you (February 20th) and as you mentioned in that letter you would shortly be in town, I have ventured to drop you a line –

E. S. Smith
March 1871

A Peace Pipe known to Lemuin
by Jeremiah Cory
Edward Sutton & Smith
Lo, Jenny Pierce

Jan Pierce

Fr. Minister

W. E. Dodge Jr. Pres't. — D. D. Conklin Vice Pres't.

# The Ansonia Clock Co.

Nos. 19 & 21 Cliff Street

A. H. Cowles, Secy & Treas. — H. J. Davies, Genl. Supt.

New York, March 20 1878.

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

We tried trouble to day at Glen Works. but I am very Sorry to say it was a failure. Will try again Saturday — By Express I forward Lead Coil — but the same is to your Satisfaction. —

You will do me a great favour if you will send me the Telephone Instrument — I have the wire all put up and ready to attach the instrument to —

Yours Truly

Wm J. Davies

Sorry Work

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CORNER GREENWICH STREET.

New York, March 20 1878

Mr. Edison

Inventor

Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Sir

We wish all the information we can obtain about the Cost and mode of making the "Aerophone"

Will you kindly favour us with as much of it as you may have made public

Yours

Allen Co

Aerophone not perfected sufficiently for manufacture or sale = the cost will be small ~~perhaps~~ at any rate

Form 50.

THE ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY,
General Office,
145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

N. Y. March 20, 1878

"Esteemed Sir!" –

Regardless of your opinion of me, officially, I suspect you may receive kindly a good word that I want to say in behalf of Mr. Barron, whom I know as a very well behaved and intelligent man, and who will explain to you a notion he has about your wonderful inventions, in connection with his native Newfoundland.

A B Chandler

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS,
104 EAST TWENTIETH STREET,
NEW YORK.

EXPOSITION AT PARIS, 1878.
Commissioner to represent the Society at Paris,
T. F. SICKELS.
Committee on Society Exhibit,
GEORGE S. MORISON, EDWARD P. NORTH,
JOHN BOGART.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park.

Dear Sir:

When buying an electric pen a week or so ago I was invited to visit you and went with Mr. James to Menlo Park but was unfortunate in not meeting you. I think you were called away on that particular day. Mr. Batchelor was very kind however and I spent a very interesting day among your wonders - and although I had of course read of many things you had done, the ocular and tangible demonstration was very satisfactory.

The members of this Society are of course deeply interested in your recent inventions - and I write to ask whether it will not be possible for you to visit us, with a phonograph at some time to be appointed. The Society would welcome you warmly. We meet in the evenings at this house where we have a very pleasant room. If however you can not be in New York in the evening would it be possible for the Society to obtain for an evening the loan of a phonograph & Mr. Batchelors instructions

made me quite proficient in its use – And
am very anxious to show our members how
thoroughly you have solved this strange
problem of the preservation and reproduction
of articulate speech –

I am very truly Yours

Chas. Batchelor

Chas. Batchelor
Secretary American
Society of Engineers

Rd 7 in Pitts
Mar 21

Care of Mrs of Dr Butler
So Mr Revere Dayton Ohio

Ansonia – Hotel
21st March

My dear Mr. Edison –

Will you kindly send me a note of introduction to Mr. Davies – director of the Clock factory – I have made application to visit it and have been refused without a note from you you can say I have represented your inventions in Cuba

Your early attention will oblige as I only wait here for your reply. Write me on receipt of this & I shall get it tomorrow afternoon

Yours truly
Geo Butler

Prof. Edison

The Electric Pen Agency
No 406 Olive St.

St. Louis ~~March~~ 21 1878.

Thos A Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir.

If you propose to put your Telephone and Phonograph on the market I would like to talk to you about the Agency for this State.

Respectfully

Wm C. Alberger

A burned child dreads the fire

Refer
To W. F. Wheeler
No 20 N. Church St. N.Y.

PROVIDENT SAVINGS LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

SHEPPARD HOMANS, President and Actuary.

C. LEYENBERGER,

MANAGER FOR NEW JERSEY,

OFFICE: NO. 770 BROAD STREET,

Newark, March 21st 1876

Jersey City

Friend Edison.

Mr. W. H. Byington "Insurance Editor of the "N.Y. Independent" and Rev. Mr. Ward associate Editor of the Independent, are desirous of visiting you for the purpose of acquiring a personal acquaintance and also to see the wonders of your laboratory. I have agreed to introduce them to you personally. Which day next week can you best see us.

I believe the interview will result in your favor as they will positively give you and your inventions a prominent place, and notice in their next issue

Yours Truly

C. Leyenberger

per M. C.

G R Thurson
Mrs H. Pton

New York March 21/78

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

Having learned of the interesting experiments, of yours who during the experiments, before the Polytechnic, a few weeks ago & learning from Dr Smith, that he expected you would favor him, with another Exhibition soon, I thought I would attempt a few lines, which might be appropriate & amusing for the Telephone to utter, on such an occasion, If you think it worth while, to make a record of them, all ready to be repeated, it could send me one or two such records, for the ~~participation~~ gratification of some Country friends, (who have no opportunity of seeing you records) I would be obliged, I would not trouble you to send them to me by mail, if it would

over

more
convenient to send them to your
office in this city, & inform me
by postal card, when to call
for them.

I hope soon to see & hear from you
think sending anonymously &
hope you will find it one im-
provement on the cyclids

Respy yours
J. R. Hudson
311 East 13th St
New York

well pleased and am
very much obliged to you
I will have some friends
and out them around to
put on Photographs

Ira C. Bellows

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

WATER REGISTER'S OFFICE.
Room 10, City Hall.

MEMORANDUM.
March 24, 1878.

Friend Edwin

Can you tell me what has become of Adams? I would like to know where he is. Please drop me a line if you can spare time from your devotions.

Yours
Ira C. Bellows.

P.S. Don't you want a man to take that new "man" of yours across the water. Man allowing you will have on Wednesday Chelle least heard from a common Merchant

J. Thomas

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

Elkhart Junction Mich 21st 1878

Dear Al

I got the book you sent me some weeks since. They got you in in good shape. Many thanks for it — when McKenzie was here I saw one of your telephones with him and admired it mightily and wrote you to ask what you would let me have one of them for. I was also speaking to Seth Hall I presume you know him. he is the owner of this large brickyard at this Junction, he is about getting a line put up from his office and house in the city to his yard and the Bell people have been after him. I told him I thought yours was far superior he asked me if I could get him one to try as he wanted to get the best in the market now then could you send me one for him to try it also price. Send by Express addressed

to me at Detroit also write if you send
so I will know when to call, send
instructions too. for I have been out of
the trade so long that I hardly know
the instrument from another tool — there
is a possibility of my being down near
you before long as I read the following
from New York the other day — Will
you accept an office as secretary &
treasurer compensation satisfactory, and
remove here (New York) don't know how
I shall act yet it is for a mining
Co and the compensation will have
to be good to get me — now then
old friend I hope this will find
you hearty, and if you are
coming home this season I hope
you will come and spend a day
or two with me — Do you go to Europe
this next season; if so I would like very
much to go with you as I was thinking
some of going myself — Best wishes
from

Yourself
J Thomas

J Thomas Wire

Say Mr Edmunds away
but in his letter you might have to apply
to Wright New York —

W O Pender
Mar 22-78

W-3-22-78

My Dear

I got the acoustic Pat' through to-day I paid fee - It will date March 26th — Meets what Broomey & Day say call "snatching a patent"-

There will be on monday a batch of Telephone applications put into interference with Bell & turned over to Examiner of interferences in Trusey week or so! I suppose Broomey & Day will swear at that-! But you will not suffer! Please send me sets you Telephones by Express sure

Grandson of Wm

Write me position of the combatants & their action, who is supposing to be swallowed so easily as they think!

Country going wild over Phone!

You are now beyond the reach of Bell Calumny & independence of their money!

Tell Phil I can fix up a big combination for him in the West on Telephone &c if my plans are not disturbed

Yours

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New York, March 22 1878

Mr. T. A. Edison,

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir;

Yours at hand & noted.—

Is your Acrophone sufficiently advanced to give us an idea if it can be applied to the purpose which we design, & do you admit visitors?

Respy

Allen & Co

L. H.

Answer &

say that there is nothing upon machinery time at present that acrophone is left in any manner expected to interfere in details which when perfected will be [illegible]

Answd 22.3

Chas A Mudson
Mar 22.

Richmond College
Richmond Va
March 22 78

Mr T. A. Edison,
Menlo Park N. J.

My dear Sir,

I am Professor of Physics in the College above named. About a year ago I gave a public lecture in our Chapel on the then new Telephone. By request I repeated the lecture before the Y. M. C. A. of Richmond, and I have had many requests for its delivery in several other towns of the State since, none of which, however, I have complied with. I have given the Telephone much study for some time, and have made quite a number of instruments.

I have before me now two urgent requests from two Church Committees to deliver my telephone lecture in

and of their churches. I have declined, mainly because the Telephone wonder worker as it is — is, as you know, not well suited for exhibition to a large audience, each member of which wants to hear something for himself.

But being greatly pressed by one (lady) Committee, I agreed to this:

That I would write to you, stating the case fairly, and ask you for the loan (or hire) of one of your marvellous Phonographs (which must be well suited to meet the demand above referred to) and if you would loan me one, under such restrictions &c as you might wish, I would, without fee or reward to myself, lecture for the benefit of the Church represented by the Committee.

The only gain to you would, of course, be reputation and advertisement — of both which you have just now a great abundance; yet I hope you will comply & let me hear from you.

With highest and sincerest congratulations, and with many apologies for intruding on valuable time, I am,

yours truly,

Chas. H. Winston

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to say it will be impossible for me to accommodate you. I have loaned out for Sunday purposes every phono that I have made & Church got one back. The demand has become so great that I had to offer extra wages and commence to work Thursday & Friday night in order to keep up with it.

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SHEPPARD HOMANS, President and Actuary.

C. LEYENBERGER,

MANAGER FOR NEW JERSEY,

OFFICE: NO. 770 BROAD STREET,

Newark, Mar 23rd 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq.,
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Your postal card is received. If agreeable to you I can take with me, (when you appoint the time) several of the best residents of this city. The matter was mentioned at the "Essex Club" last evening and was received with general approval, and the expression of many was, that they would like to visit you. I believe it to be to your interest to meet these gentlemen at an early day.

Yours truly
C. Leyenberger
for P.S.L.

When I set a day you may bring as many as you please

E. B. Bruce
March 28 98

New York
March 24th
1898

Dear Sir,

The multiplicity of your inventions as well as the desire of interested persons in various parts of Europe may necessitate your going abroad later in the season after all: in which case I beg you will bear me in mind.

The very highest references as to character and standing

can be furnished -

Yours respectfully

Howard Sutton & Co.

20, Spring Place

Dear Sir

If by any change in the hours of office I should go to Europe I will keep you in mind,

Yr T A Edey

OFFICE OF THE COURIER
MAR 14 1878
WASHINGTON

My dear I don't want to importune you, but I see a straight honorable course for you to pursue to get the value of your telephone out - you have only to accept their declination of your foolish offer & fall back on your patent - "There is a tide in the affairs of men, that taken at its flood, leads on to wealth, to fame & fortune; but if neglected &c" If you think there is



danger in not seizing the first basket of cold victuals that is set out, let me have a chance to make a pile of government bonds alongside of your rights & fill more of your eyes & listen to see their value - You promised me this last December & with this in view I have been working all winter, but if necessary I'll give you every cent I can bring - I prefer to see you beyond want at one more than to see your enemies rolling & feasting on your

labors! It makes
me sick to see
good victuals fed to
hogs! Take my
advice for once, you
know I have been
your friend always
against all the
rest! I believe in
you, I know your
rights & their value
let me help you!
& when you have
more than you ever
dreamt of & more
than you ever want
for yourself there
will be plenty for
those you care to
remember —

Your Lady
U. A. Davis

Geo F. Barker
Mar 22. 1878

OFFICE OF THE

Western Union Telegraph Company,

Philada March 22 1878.

My dear Sir —

Thanks for your letter and the suggestions it contained. I shall be very much obliged if you will allow Menlo Park to be one of the stations from which I receive on the evening of my lecture. I have now a wire direct from the University to 10th & Chestnut St (W.U. Office) and can communicate direct. Would it be too much of a favor to ask that

you allow some one at your shop to give me occasionally a little time for experiment? For example I am to have at the University on Wednesday next, some of our most prominent men, Mr. Henry C. Carey, Mr. Norton McMichael, Mr. Geo. H. Baker etc to see the telephone (the Bell, the Gray & the Phelps) and I should be very glad to use that opportunity to show them the greatest of all the telephones Mr. Edison's. Could you let some one do some talking about 4 P.M. on that day? And to make sure that all is right may I call on you Tuesday evening long time along the wire? If you can loan me a transmitter, to experiment with, until the lecture, I shall be much obliged. If not, I think I can borrow one from Mr. Benton.

As to the phonograph, I would like to have Mr. Johnson help me with the one he had, but I could not stand his price, at least the one he gives in his circular. I would like to have him here however, for other reasons too. Can't you make it in your way to come over April 1st?

Yours truly Geo. F. Barker.

Thos. A. Edison, Esq.

Eau, March
25.

Friend E.

Messrs. D. and P.
set their own time for Wednesday
but now say they can't come.

Yours truly
Amos Hamilton

Box 8

Long Branch March 25th 77

Prof Thos A Edison

Sir I am being in the Electric work, in putting up Burglar Alarms, Hotel Annunciators, Stable and House Bells & work generally, and seeing the items in the papers and anxious to see your Phonograph and see its operations. also being two or three friends along I make bold to ask if it will be convenient and not against your Rules. to pay you a visit on April 4th or 5th and the Cost to goto your place from N.Y.

Inclose Postal for Reply

Yours truly

E N Clark Co

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Philadelphia, Feb 25 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park

Dear Sir – This will introduce you to Mr J Hautmeyer of our city – you will find him a perfect gentleman and favors extended him will be duly appreciated by

Your Truly

James Partrick

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In reply to yours of

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Mch 25th 1878

Sir:

Can you construct an Airaphone for us that will say "Smoke Vanity Fair"? If so what will be the cost and how far does it be heard and with what power is the airaphone blown? or rather how is the noise produced?

Respectfully yours
W. S. Kimball & Co.

To
Prof. Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

Dear Sir

Works by compressed air or steam = I will do what you desire but owing to time consumed on my phonograph I will be unable to perfect it for some time you will hear of it through the papers

MARTIN KINGMAN. CHAS. C. JAMESON. W. H. SEYMOUR.
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AND SEEDS.

Peoria, Illinois, MCH. 25. 1878.

THOS. A. EDISON, ESQ.,

MENLO PARK, N.J. DEAR SIR: I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR POSTAL OF 19TH REFERRING ME TO THE PHONOGRAPH CO. OF N.Y. HAVE WRITTEN THEM. I THINK I CAN OPERATE FOR YOU AT THIS POINT, AND POSSIBLY OTHER ADJACENT TOWNS, IF SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

IN MY LETTER OF 19TH, I REFERRED TO HAVING BEEN IN THE TELEGR OFFICE AT LOUISVILLE WHEN YOU WERE THERE IN THE SUMMER OF 1875. I SHOULD HAVE SAID 1865. SHOULD BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU OR SEE YOU IF YOU HAVE OCCASION TO COME WEST. RESP'Y YOURS,

C. A. Jameson

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WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

Dated Phila. Mar 26th 1878

Received at

To Prof T. A. Edison

When and where
Can I see you this
Mk answer Walnut
St. Phila

Simon Hamburger

1 3 paid

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Rufus Lapham

178 West Fraukl
lin Street Phila
Mar. 26 '78

Prof. Edison

Dear Sir

When you was about nineteen years of age I called upon you two or three times. I think on Devonshire Street in Boston, in regard to some improvements you had made in Telgraphy or Battery - I forget just what it was - Perhaps you may remember all about it - Since that time you have made your name known to the whole world, and

now stand to most of all America's Inventors — I congratulate you in your great success and honor you for your masterly achievements — The true Inventor, one who utilizes the subtle things of nature, and gives to inanimate matter a human voice annihilating distance and time deserves to be "Honored" far more than Presidents and Kings — Allow me to say without flattery that I so honor you — Keep on then, my boy, (for I can think of you only as a boy of nineteen) and greater works shall you yet accomplish — The field is large indeed — Even your self stands but upon the threshold —

But, dear sir, I write now not to flatter nor praise, but to ask you for information in regard to an invention which I am now maturing — and need counsel of you — — I have an idea that electricity can be successfully applied to the hill or row or field in hastening and increasing vegetation, and am now experimenting — — I imagine a wire in the furrow in which the seed is to be cast, running from a local battery would produce a desirable result — Of course the wire is to

R Lapham

extend from row to row
through the whole field
— This may be a very
silly idea! still I have
such an impression, and
would deem it a great
favor if you would give
me such information
as will either drive that
impression from my
thoughts, or will assist me
in bringing the idea to a
practical result —

Very truly yours

Rufus Lapham

THE AMERICAN
*ELECTRICAL SOCIETY.*
Gen. ANSON STAGER, President.
F. W. JONES, Cor. Secretary,
Offices, Washington and LaSalle Streets,
UNION BUILDING.

Chicago, March 26th 1878

Mr. A. Edison Esq.
Dear Sir:

A Phonographic record of your voice kindly forwarded to the Chicago Electrical Society by Col. Blake Esq. has been received.

Last Sunday in the Chicago Academy of Sciences I illustrated by diagrams and explained what I termed one of the greatest scientific inventions of the age—the Phonograph. Now since you have attained such a degree of perfection in it why can you not favor the second city of your Country with a real live Phonograph? I would be very glad to exhibit it before the Society in the Academy of Sciences and I know it would create a great stir. If you have any one in mind to whom you prefer to entrust its manipulation I will be glad to compensate if they will give

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Chicago, _____ 187

the exhibition as desired. I have had two or three invitations to lecture in Ohio perhaps I could accept — and make the Phonograph a leading feature: Telephones are getting rather old to excite much interest as a lecture subject. A reply and a compliance will greatly oblige.

Yours Very Respy
F. W. Jones

My Dear Sir: Blake has been after me for a Phonograph for some time but I had to stop making them the demand became so great I have placed the whole thing in the hands of the Phonograph Co Room 28 Tribune Bldg New York. They will not permit me to send any out. Blake will explain why I cannot send any.

Yours Truly
T A Edison

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New York, March 26 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce Mr. J. M. Fowler. He has a very extensive acquaintance among a first class men. I believe he will make a splendid negotiator in case you want to place any new inventions. I recommend that you encourage his undertaking with a view to usefulness hereafter.

Respectfully

Geo. W. Plice

Geo B Field Esq
March 27 78

Address GEO. B. FIELD,
~~Care of Phonographic Institute,~~
~~New York City.~~

Beaumont House
St Louis March 27th 1878

Thos A Edison Esq
Dear Sir
Yesterday I was much interested in reading an account of your phonographic, taken from the New York Sun. Today I have been still more surprised by a discription or rather suggestion (from the New York World) of a yet later invention which you call the Aerophone. Which I infer you have not yet perfected in detail although satisfied of its practicability. I can but congratulate you upon such great achievements and hope that your success pecuniarily may be

Geo B Field

commencements with them important. They almost revived within me a wish to engage again in the manufacture of that class of inventions which have occupied your mind and in which I have been uniformly successful. The fact is, the only money of any considerable amount that I have made was for several years in introducing your Stock Reporter to the News and Public in 1871 & 72 in which I made some forty thousand dollars. It has occurred to me that possibly you might deem it hard your best inventions represented in Europe the coming summer. Should this be so and you have no other arrangement I should be pleased to correspond or see you on the subject. Despatch & return to New York can May. My interests here have kept me longer than I anticipated on leaving New York last July. I hope you have occasionally given the subject of electric light a thought. It seems to me there is more money in its successful application than anything I know of. I think you are the one to do it. Please find time to drop me a line as to your intentions regarding the subject referred to and

Oblige your Very Truly

Geo B Field

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C. LEYENBERGER,

MANAGER FOR NEW JERSEY,

OFFICE: NO. 770 BROAD STREET.

Newark, March 29th 1878.

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
N.J.

Dear Sir

Mr A.A. Bigington has suggested the proposal visit to your laboratory to the members of the "Event Club". Mr Jackson connected with the Pennsylvania R.R. offers a special car and about fifty of our best citizens will visit you. If agreeable to you make the appointment so that we can take the 5.P.M. train from N.Y.

Yours Truly
C. Leyenberger
Per F.A.C.

Leyenberger

I am going to make a call on C.W.A. Friday & Saturday and go to Mass. Gyale Bradley Motor Monday & will set a day next week probably Wednesday & let you know

Yours

A G Bell
Mar 24

54 East 42d St: N.Y.
March 24th 1878

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Menlo Park.

Dear Sir;

A young friend of mine has been very desirous of visiting your laboratory to see your different inventions and especially to get an idea of your latest improvements in the phonograph.

As he expects to sail for Europe the last of next week I told him I would write to you to enquire if you would be willing to gratify our

curiosity by showing us your inventions and work in your laboratory, and also to enquire if it would be convenient for you for us to visit you some day in the early part of next week say Monday or Tuesday

Respectfully
Albert G. Hale

~~[illegible]~~
~~day next week~~
[illegible] I shall be away for two weeks testing telephones on railways, but after that will notify you when I am at home

72 Broadway
March 28. 1878

Dear Mr. Johnson

When I last spoke to you about your debt to me I told you that personally I should not mention the matter again. I cannot afford to have no intention of losing the money I lent you. I have had an offer to purchase your due notes but before accepting it I think it better to let you know so that if you care you can take them up. If you do not care to take them up you may no doubt the gentleman who purchases them will put himself in communication with you & you will have to arrange with him

Yours truly
S. Jones

What do you think of this? I returned no answer – this is simply a threat

E.K.

Please return to Mr. Kennedy

New York Mch 25/78.

Thomas A. Edison Esq
My Dear Sir.
Your favor of 26th at hand.
How such an impression could have obtained in the Professors mind is to me incomprehensible. I simply wrote him as you requested intimating that if my personal services were desirable they were at his command. I said nothing about Instruments, nor did I send him a circular.
I am not soliciting such fearful responsibilities as pertain to a Telephone exhibition in Philadelphia - or upon wires that pass through the Philad^a Office - and only proffered my services at your request thinking with you that my abundant experience with the Idiosyncrasies of the Philad^a Electricians (W.U.) might prove the "Ex-precaution" which oft times

Varnish the scale from failure & success

Yours Truly Stoddard

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Philadelphia, Mar. 28th 1878

Prof. T. A. Edison

My Dear Sir!

I telegraphed you on Tuesday asking you when & where I could see you this week, and having failed to receive an answer, Mr. J. M. Dyer kindly consented to wire you & have you reply to me in which you say "In New York Saturday at 20 New Church St."

If quite agreeable then I will call on you, if I do not hear from you to the contrary.

Mr. James Parrick has kindly provided me with a letter of introduction to you which I will present, when I have the pleasure of meeting you.

Very Respt. Yours &c.
Julius Hamburger

S Kerchoff
Mar 29. 78

2 Exchange Court Room 29
March 27 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
New Jersey

Dear Sir,

I guess you will recognize my name as one of the Directors of the Bell in the distinguished "Edison's Duplicating Stock Co" alias the "American Novelty Co" alias "The Electro Chemical Manufacturing Co", and if not, perhaps you will remember me as having a seat at the Desk of my friend Mr R W Rispell, when you have called to see him on business several times; or perhaps you have heard of me through your friend and Lecturer on the Phonograph Mr Johnson.

My object in now writing is to inquire at what figure your Patent right for the Telephone, and Phonograph can be obtained, for the whole, or a section

of California – the authorities first thereof.

I make the application for these reasons:– I made a visit to England recently – in the years 1874-5-6 – was there nearly 2 years; and when in England took soundings as to whether a colony of educated Englishmen could be formed with sufficient means, to transplant themselves to California. A gentleman of standing and intelligence conceived a similar idea, and published a pamphlet on the subject. This led to a correspondence between us, but nothing was done, a movement then being considered premature.

Since my return to America he has taken the requisite steps for forming a Colony, is in communication with me, and hence the reason why I have instituted the present inquiry.

It may aid your judgment in giving me an answer by courtesy with Mr. Johnson on the subject.

When Mr. Rapelje was the individual Director of the Executive Committee, and Counsel, and Secretary to the American Telegraph Company, now merged into the Western Union Telegraph Company, I was Assistant Secretary; and have been more or less identified with the progress of the Telegraph since the year 1852. To this I might add I was identified with the conception and establishment of the first great Railroad that was ever established viz The London & Birmingham & Liverpool RR.;

Also I have in my office in London the 1st Sewing Machine that was invented (Manners) afterwards patented in this Country.

Truly Yours
Saml Herbert

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Dated, Phila 30 Rec'd at 145 BROADWAY,

To T. A. Edison New York, Sept 30 1878

No 28 New Church St N.Y.

5 Cannot get over today will

10 you be in New York ~~on Monday~~

15 or Tuesday

20 Simon Rambuger

25

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A. R. BREWER, Secretary.

WILLIAM ORTON, President.

Mch 21 1876

*Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to.*

To Simon Hamburger. Philadelphia Pa

Shall be in Philadelphia on just from New York on Monday

Thos A Edison

D H Mapes

Pass

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT AT THE TOP.

[FROM FRANK MCLAUGHLIN]

New York Mch 30-

Edison
Menlo Park.
N.J.

Secure me a Seraglio-
I am coming baggage and women -
Emperor of China endorses me -

Dafvet Pasha.

PHILADELPHIA DOMESTIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY
FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL, MARITIME AND GENERAL NEWS BUREAU

V.7 Paid
Mar 30, 78

Phila 3d Mo. 30. 1878

Thos A. Edison

Esteemed Friend

I have yours referring to the return of the Phone to you and decline doing so. Of course I don't blame you. It is yours and I thank you for sending it to me, while at the same time I think the display we made of it in connection with the Carbon telephone will be to your advantage as well as it also advertised the Phone to such an extent as would be more than $1000. spent on the papers for the same purpose when the New Co. begins to show it for money. I simply whetted the public appetite and now they can gather them in, - dear to me. I.S.

I am very anxious to get several

sets of Carbon Transmitters so
hope you will arrange to fix
things so we can get them soon.
I am very anxious indeed. We
will try them on Brazils wire to the
N.Y. office any day in the
part of the coming week which
you write us you will be there
or have a careful representa-
tative there. Monday P.M.
will suit me or Tuesday
P.M. Let me know by wire
when it will suit. This will
close my last and I will
write you Report for Mr
Orton. He has a Report
however, by Decision
the writing will be much
formal. Don't fail to
have a competent man at
Brazils if you can be
there personally. If you desire
we will have no trouble to Brazils
and take in Mr Orton to transmit
maybe a clear wire is best though for the

Mar 30 78
E N Bellamy

Charles H. Billings

Cleveland O. Mch
30th 78

Thos. A. Edison Esqr
Menlo Park
N.J.

Dr Sir:

I have been reading of your recent success with your Phonograph - I now believe you to be the greatest man in the world. I am not writing you for the purpose of telling you what you now hear every day. My object is to secure one of your Phonographs at once. I am aware of the demand you must have for them, but if you are the same old Tom that you used to be, I believe

you will aid an old acquaintance before a perfect stranger. You may have forgotten me. I used to work in "Cin" in 63 and 64 and also 65. while you were there. I am also the party who went to Central America to build telegraph in 67 and made a nice little fortune but through bad business and hard times have lost it nearly all. Charles H. Billings. I think I met you in J. H. Ashley's office in '70 or '76 You then remembered me.

My idea is to procure the first instrument here and to exhibit it. I would like to have an agency for it. If you need one for Spanish Countries I would like the place as I fully understand and speak that language.

If you will send me the first machine you can by express C.O.D. I will pay what war price you name.

I would deem it an honor to have a photo. of you that I may recall the perfect face of the greatest inventor in the world.

A reply would be acceptable and thankfully received if only a "word".

Yours Truly
Chas H. Billings
Cleveland
Ohio.

If more convenient reply by telegraph.

B.

Friend B.

Oh I remember you well. I thought you had called Remember Mr. O. with reference to Phonograph and asking his opinion to telegraph. Have 26 had Mr. Edison try last one photo before sell it. Look Mr. Edison will weekness my phig in few days. Yours
Edison
per Cameron

Blank No. 1.

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York Mar. 30th 1878

Received at

To Mr T. A. Edison

Could not arrange for Monday; will have to postpone for a week ~~[illegible]~~ will write tomorrow

Jno Sidney Shed

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Geo. H. Bliss, Genl Mgr.

OFFICE OF "ELECTRIC PEN" & "DUPLICATING PRESS"

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago March 30 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.

Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Friend:

Reached home yesterday. My wife upbraided me for not bringing home your little girl. I saw Engelring Mann's press in Phila. He had a bad bed and the frame which holds the stencil moves back & forth on dry three rollers arranged with fringe to vary pressure. When the frame reaches the front edge of bed it flies up at an angle of 45° dispose giving a chance to feed the paper and drop. The press works by foot & steam power. Say. Have run it about 600 an hour and a printer told me with two slight improvements he could work it 1200 an hour. I hope you will crowd that rotary press along. There is money in it for you and it will be the making of the Pen business. Barton says

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he sent Batchelor $500.00 on the tool account which I presume had come to hand ere this. I shall make it hot for him till some royalty is returned. I am anxious to have you fix the Phonograph royalty with Painter. I don't want to be left out in the cold in that matter. Don't be them royal to give me a nice territory in the Phonograph business. I want a Phonograph to commence exhibiting right away. There is very great interest here. Shall write to Messrs Hubbard and Johnson about this.

Respectfully

Geo. H. Bliss

Genl Mgr.

Charles H. Davis

Whitneys Point N.Y.
March 31 1878.

Dear Mr Edison:

You will remember Davis of the "Handbook of of Electrical Diagrams". I am he. Out of the telegh business and running a store. I want to congratulate you on the new discovery. It has made you foremost among the scientific men of the world. You will rank with Sir Ike Newton & Galileo, & La Place

I have been doing some-
thing in the lecturing way
and want to know if you
will come to some arrange-
ment on the Phonograph
whereby I can get one,
exhibit it to audiences and
give you a portion of the
receipts in payment for its
use, I would be willing
to give you one half.
I can get up a good lecture
on Electricity generally and
exhibit & explain the Phon-
ograph, and draw good
houses in the cities and
larger towns. You know me
and know I have ability
enough to do it. I believe
there is money in exhibiting
it. Of course I would
not infringe in any way
by showing it any nearer
New York than you might
wish. People are interested
in it and you and I
can fill them up on both
Have you got it so it
will speak loud enough
for an audience to hear,

Old Chem Mills
Mar 31, 78

Please let me hear from you,

I have another "book" about ready for the printer,

Yours truly,

Charles H. Davis,
Whitney's Point
Broome Co
N.Y.

Dear Sir
Please accept my hearty thanks for Edison's Room 28 Tribune Building, May he have charge of the Phonograph Co.
Yours Truly
Thomas A. Edison
Electrician "Automatic" Johnson
Menlo Park Edison
N.J.

John Allyn

Wyoming. Wyo Ter March 31st 78

Prof. T A Edison

Dear Sir

Having during the last Fifteen years at different times read about your achievements in Electrical work. I take the liberty of offering you my best congratulations on your last Grand Achievement and wish you every success. and should you ever visit the Rockies please accept this as an invitation to stop off and I will try and make it pleasant for you. Believing you to be one C. A. E. who I learned Telegraphing with when a small boy at Detroit which some Fifteen or Twenty years ago. I remain Yours Most Truly

John Allyn.

Formerly of G. T. R.R. Detroit Mich

Happy to do so
Benjamin Allyn

J. F. Melvin
Mar 31

File
Miscellaneous

Confidential

Washington D.C.
Mch. 31st 1878.

Dear Ed.

I've got to ask a favor somewhere, where I can hardly tell, as there is no one here I feel like approaching on the matter.

I've got to raise $200 or $250 immediately. I can repay it in 3 or 4 mos.

Can you loan it to me?

I ask you confidentially and as an old friend.

Of course we have both mutual friends and enemies, (some of the latter you are associated with perhaps, by force of business circumstances), whom I would not want to know of this.

When the Phonographic

are ready for delivery, I want to manage to get hold of one for a couple.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible as I'm in a fix.

Very truly &c

Ze. F. Milber

Rec'd
Geo W Parker
To Johnson
April 1.

3909 Locust St.
Philadelphia, Mch. 31. 1878

E. H. Johnson, esq:
My dear Sir:—
Your letter offering to assist me in my lecture is received and I thank you for it. As I am to lecture on the Telephone and therefore can give only ten minutes or so to the Phonograph, I at first thought I would use the small model which Mr. Bentley has here. But Mr. Edison thinks the one you have is so superior that I had better have that. I feel the more hesitation in asking you to bring it over and run it for me, because

since I engaged to lecture, I have seen your circular and ascertained that you were exhibiting the phonograph yourself; and also because I cannot pay you the price named in that circular. I would however like very much to have you come over and run your phonograph for me, and also help me in receiving music from Menlo Park on your motograph. Edison & I have been talking all day on the telephone from the University to Menlo Park & he suggested that I write you and ask what your feeling is about coming over. My lecture is April 15th and I have lots of things to get ready.

Yours truly,
George H. Barker.

(Phono.)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. Mch 31st 78

Dear Al

N Y Tribune received & perused - I see the Phono is creating a great interest all over Success to you Old Man I say! The one you sent me however dont work very well & I have almost given up hope I am not good at hounding a friend but I really would feel much pleased if you could send me one so as to enable me to keep my word with some very prominent men I promised on the strength of your promise - I have become

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acquainted with a true friend of yours Mr Wilbur of the Pat Office & find him a most entertaining Gentleman he loves Prescott Oh yes! This Dist Co of Washn has a curse on it from former bad administration which is very hard to overcome & altho I have certainly accomplished a great deal still it is very up hill work - why does not the Bell put your Telephone out instead of that fraud of Phelps' are they bound to keep you below the

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Cant you rise in spite of them or dont you care?
Is there any show for my getting my little finger in the Phonay in Washington if not tell me and I'll not bother any more about it. Have you anything else I can get a show at that requires my peculiar talents to develope if so lets hear from you soon & calculate on my best efforts when they can be made mutually beneficial. Kind regards Mr & E and all the rest especially Lizz

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dot sho's a little Darling
Tell me all your new ideas perfect or imperfect as they all have great interest for me. I hope you are taking care of yourself and giving your little family the benefit of your society in the Evenings instead of roaming round the lot & racking your brain night & day. Remember what I told you it is your first duty & I will always remind you of it whether you like it or not.

Yours Sincerely
Swackhugo

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

2d Stanza

Tell Patch papers all
rec'd & perused with much
interest Keep on doing it —
Kind regards to Mrs E
and ask wee • if she
still likes me or if she
has forgotten all about me
our friend Mr Wilber calls
in very often and always
has a talk with me about
you he is evidently your
staunch friend and also
Prescotts (in my eye.) who
is going to be Prest U-S-A

Jim

J. W. Lowe

Vinton Iowa
March 187

T. A. Edison Esq
Friend Sir:-

It is hardly possible that your wonderful success should cause you to forget old acquaintance especially one who has been a fellow craftsman & who has reminiscences & recollections in common with you, relating to the same common experiences. By this I refer to the when we both worked in the same office side by side as it were under the management of the Cincinnati Franklin Telegraph Co of Cincinnati. I presume the mention of such names as Chas Knox, Geo Nash, Geo Everett (Newfellow that put light & Manner the dated (for) Eb Smith, Cole & Selvers is known to

David Lodge was my relation & I will
tell you. Much, not forgetting old Gang
Piercy, who wonted the Minnetta and
Co and the Hallie" & many others included
another to itself.

We presume that the Fourth of July night
when we bothered each other so much
with Kiss coquettes will be forgotten
either. Nor the time Geo Pendleton
was so anxious for the nomination
that he donated the Champagne to
the Opera for nearly the whole day. Nor
will we forget the annual Ax
Sufferers pitten up by Carlie Weir

I merely mention these for
the purpose of putting the rest off
of you in case you should have
forgotten to include Joan among
the rest.

If I had one of your Phonographs
here now it would save both of us
a great deal of trouble & time and I
to in reference to that very machine
that I ought to speak now.

You have got a Colossal fortune
in it, if you will only hang on to it
& not let patent right brokers take
advantage of you, and to forgive it
if you will allow me I have the
mean of putting one or more in
every court house in the state. To
say notto of private sales. Put it
down as fourth time well how you
will. = introduce it to me before you
take the first step.

I just at present die paper through
fortunately well enough off pecuniarily
to afford it. But I wished would
to do nothing. Hence I intrude upon
your time with the suggestion that
if you wish to favor old friends
I would be glad to work for your
interests in the west. I am very truly

familiar with all the "infernal machines" you have thus far produced & have worked most of them. My seventy-six attainments are sufficient to enable me to appreciate every point connected with all of them.

Now Friend Thomas your phonograph is liable to prove an "ugly" profession for bride, being a Telegraph. I am also a Short hand reporter, and am just at present awaiting a promised appointment as Court reporter for the Supreme Court of the State. Now if your little machine does what is claimed I am liable to be thrown out of any Time unless I can become in some way identified with it. I know you would be sorry to be the instrument of my disappointment.

to any one but alone and to acquaintances
It is therefore with the hope that you
will be disposed to show a little
preference in my favor, that I ask
you to write me stating if I can not
make some arrangement with you
for this locality. If you are going
to sell rights or licenses, or manufacture
the machines yourself & retain
the right in your own name. As
a friend I would advise the latter,
but were I a speculator eager to
take advantage of you I would
try to induce you to sell me some
territory. And I would make a good
offer too.

Now friend Thomas Please dont
fail to answer this. as I shall
anxiously await a reply

As ever fraternally Yours

J. H. Bowen

Mr. Jos. Thomas

I enclose you an article clipped from one of the country papers of this section, it seems to be a copy from the "Sun." I think the writer underestimates the capacity of our machine a trifle on the backward movement of many lads a little lamb. It should have read, literally backwards, consequently vowels and details instead of whole words at a time.

However, I resign in the general tone of the article the same in my good natured "Tom" of you that [illegible]

If you will give me any information I would willingly take a trip East to see you personally.

Yours

I'm afraid if you do not take the trouble to dict down immediately to give me a reply, you will forget it & do so entirely

Chicago April 1 1872

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir!

Yours of Feb 28th is at hand. I became acquainted with Mr. Dower and a friend of his Stagg's the last trip, as a broker, to sell the U. S. revenue inventions, good for them alone but which were not adapted to this business. He seems to have a large acquaintance among men of means and influence, and wanted an introduction to you. I thought he might be used to start up customers in some sections but had no idea he would move to Menlo Park. If you did not know to write home to keep a man from being a bore I should regret giving him the letter.

Respectfully
Geo. H. Bliss

Chicago April 1st 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Col. C. H. Wakeman, Pres't Nort-western Relief Co. of Milwaukee was here today. He wants to become acquainted with you and cultivate the relation. He sails for Europe in May and will be in New York the last of April. He will go down to Menlo Park for a few hours to see you and your establishment. He professed himself anxious to render any service in his power between or otherwise while in Europe or here. He is smart, competent & a good talker with influence. If thoroughly convinced his friendship is valuable. His son is agent for the Bell Telephone and he thinks he figured to give it up and take the American Agency. He wants the Phonograph agency through me or direct. I hope you will hear from him well.

Respectfully
Geo. H. Reiser

O. J. Waddell

No. 63.

Money to The Western Union Telegraph Company. Letter

From to Sheet

Cincinnati April 1. 188

Friend Edison

Send you today a copy of my new paper the magnet produced by the Electric Pen & Duplicating Press. I prefer to continue its publication as I have met with sufficient encouragement to do so, but as I merely sent the pen and do the work myself I would much rather dispose of it. As the price for them is too high at this point for poor devils like ourselves, and today we are graded, which makes us poorer still, we would like to know what price you could furnish us an outfit, with the exception of the pen which could be made here the proper size. You doubtless remember my partner J. C. Matson an "old timer" here. He sends his regards and wishes you every success.

I must congratulate you on the success you have met with in introducing your wonderful inventions. You are certainly revolutionizing the world. The western papers are turning over with "that wonderful Edison" in long editorials and biographical sketches. You are to be envied. I called in to see Murat Halstead editor of the Commercial to show him a

copy of the "magnet." He looked over it very critically, and then asked me to explain how it was produced. After I had told him, he said, "Well that another invention of that infernal Edisons, ain't it?" I told him it was - "Well that fellow beats all. He seems to think you are in league with the imps of darkness. I trust that all your expectations may be more than realized, and that you will live down to posterity a name that will be immortal. I would consider it a great favor if you would send me a photograph of yourself. I would like to reproduce it with the Electric Pen for my paper. I think I can do it very nicely, after a little practice with the pen.

Let me hear from you at an early day and oblige

Yours truly

O. J. Waddell

Friend Waddell,

Your pen, the "Electric Pen" Auomo is entirely out of my hands and they change me full price for it. I regret that I have written to Edison about it, but I will do what I can for you.

I enclose herewith a photo taken and I have lost that - the Daily graphic will take a commencement made by Mr. Edison of it - Yours Respectfully Edison

O. J. Waddell Mich
Oct 1 - 78

J. C. REIFF.

No. 32 BROADWAY.

New York, Apl 2 1878

Dear Sir

Col Jaman's [illegible] Dinner today to meet Sir Wm Thomson, Preece, Clemens & other men who are interested in the new work of Edison — the telephone, the loud speaker, etc. Preece says the Eng. has not come to utilize electricity in instruments with Bell Dept. many months back. Eng. broken down the fever of improvement seems to have — Sir Wm Thomson said the other day that Edison was undoubtedly one of the leading electrical genius of the day. It is therefore the thoughtful outline the reputation you are now has given you stimulates by an friend — I will notice that all my friends recognize your merit & lead

I don't call you 'thief' and
'Bro of duplicity' [illegible] of moral sense
etc etc, as the rest of some other
people do.
I wrote you several times lately
about worthless matters etc, but you
did not answer.
Now I am [illegible] to
rules, call on Gurney &
mercantile Trust Co Equitable
building 120 Broadway.
And settle with them
for less than 50%
Meet fo to fives with these note
pay at maturity
Otherwise the better take
nothing.
I submitted the papers to Sarony
who told me yesterday he owned
her reply, [illegible] today
I read the Graphic yesterday
The Dord is the word

HENRY EDMUNDS JUNR

57 Gracechurch Street
London, E.C. April 2 1878

H. Edison Esqr.

Dear Sir,

Yours of Mar 12th duly to hand. Also your assistant Mr Adams, who dined with me yesterday. I was much surprised to find you had not sent me a Phonograph as promised in your of Feb 12th as explained it puts me in a very awkward position with the public particularly men to whom I showed your letters. Shall if you will kindly send me one per first mail. it will make it all right.

Also should be pleased if you will kindly send something else in my way as soon as you have something good. I am sure I can introduce it for you in the best manner. Both among scientific & business men. What have you done with respect to the electric light. that is a subject of great importance just now.

Please write me soon & let me have Plans at once. With kind regards

Yours faithfully
Henry Edmunds

H Edmunds Jr
Apr 9 1878

NORTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

April 2d 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

My dear Sir:

Our mutual friend, Geo. H. Bliss, wrote you yesterday. I have never met you, I believe, but we have known each other for many years in the telegraph business.

I told Bliss I wanted to see you before I went to Europe, returned to New York about the first of May.

I am General Agent of the Bell Telephone in the Northwest, and would like your Phonograph also.

I will be abroad only 3 months, would like to introduce the Phonograph on my return. In my lectures on Electricity - Telephones &c, here and elsewhere, during the past winter, I have always been ~~[illegible]~~ requested to Explain the Phonograph, & have done

so, as well as could be done by talking & black board illustrations. I have unlimited confidence in the future of the Phonograph, in a thousand applications, and would like to be connected with its introduction. Mr. Bliss will tell you of my acquaintance and influence in the Northwest.

If I can do you any good in Paris or elsewhere, I should be glad to do so.

If you have a phonograph in working order & will send it to me by American Express, I will return it within ten or twelve days. I mean a spare one.

Please let me hear from you.

Very truly —

C. B. Hartshorn

Chas. B. Hartshorn
Chr. 2. 1879

Geo. Bliss Esq

v here.

from New York

to T. A. Edison

Will you be in today if so which time sig.

J. C. Reiff

Rec'd by Dalch
Apl 21 1876

NY 4/3/78

Talk me about
Barker and
Waiting on you
But answering
him I J.V.

O. Called in Vanderbilt
to help him decide on your
terms Don't Budge an inch
I J.V.

Edina

If you are in town today
Come direct here before going
to W.U. Mr H. wants to see
you was sorry he missed
you yesterday. He leaves
this PM.

Yours

Apl 3/78

The World
35 PARK ROW.
Branch Office, 1257 Broadway,
New York.

April 3rd 1878

My Dear Mr Edison

Enclosed I send you a note of introduction from Mr Huey written one a month ago. I also send Mr Haight's report on the motor. Mr Haight is an expert as you will possibly see and as I intimated before his report was published. I saw every bolt taken out of every part of the machine yesterday and have verified all the drawings of the machine. The device was taken apart to make some alterations and we can go any day next week that will be convenient to you. I hope very much that you will be able to spare a day. Enclosed I also send the account of our last visit to your shop. I don't know whether you have seen it. Please let me know as soon as you can that you have not changed your determination to go to Philadelphia

Very truly Yours
Mr Elmer Reed

[ENCLOSURE]

Chas. B. Collier,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
702 Chestnut Street,

Philadelphia, Feb 25th 1878

Mr. Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park New Jersey

Dear Sir

You have doubtless heard of my invention herein extensively through the newspapers as the "Keely Motor".

My discovery consists in obtaining from air + water through vibratory action an electric substance of great energy + capable, through the same influence which produces it, of absorbing in water, giving a vacuum.

Thinking that perhaps you may, from your long experiments + extended knowledge in vibratory forces, be interested in seeing the operation of my invention I take the liberty of extending to you an invitation to visit my place at one time that may be convenient to you where I shall take pleasure in showing you the my machine and operating it for you.

Should my invitation be accepted I will thank you to address me at my home #2021 Ridge Ave - this city - stating the time when I may look for you.

Very Respty Yours

Wm W Kiely

[ENCLOSURE]

KEELY MOTOR COMPANY,
*Office, 702 Chestnut Street,*
[FIRST BUILDING.]
PHILADELPHIA.

file Miscellaneous

Mr. Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park
New Jersey.

C. L. Baldwin Cash.r 1251 J. H. Halsey Pres.t

**Mechanics National Bank**
OF NEWARK

Newark N.J. Oct 4 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
My Dear Sir
If not
asking too much, I would
be greatly obliged to you
if you would call on me
when you come this
way, anticipating ~~asking~~ you
to have to much courtesy please
drop me a line when
we may expect you,
I am consulting the
matter of connecting the
Bank by telegraph and
would like your opinion
Yours very
Theo. F. Seidler

Connection with my telephone
Respectfully yours
T. A. Edison

Mr. Edison
Oct 4. 1878

Innsbruck
April 4.th 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
N. J.

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you last March 23.d
I have the pleasure of receiving your
letter March 15.th this moment.
I fear I imposed upon your kindness by
asking you to procure some sweet-potatoes
bulbs. Please excuse the liberty I took.
Our papers are full of accounts of the
wonderful effect your Phonograph has
had on the Scientists in Paris, specially
at the Academy. Mr. Pasteur has not
yet written to me, I am really curious
to learn what arrangements he intends to
make. I am asked daily by a number
of Gentlemen if I have not heard from
You regarding the Telephone for the fire-
department. We have no fire-telegraph
as yet. Several Systems have been offered
such as Mr. Herrhal's, Siemens &
Halske, I have also made several trials
with small Bell's Telephones, but they have
all been refused. They want something

American, something more practical. We have in our Fort a high Tower from where the watchman gives the Sign of fire by bell signals. Now what we want is a good pair of Telephones, that allow the watchmen to Communicate verbally with the two Commanders. A similar means of Communication is desired by the Governor with the head of the State department. One thing is to get the admiration of people, and an other is to get money from them, and to get it introduced into practical operation. There is no doubt that both, Your Telephone as well as Your Phonograph will be much admired in Paris but the question is, will it bring a handsome profit? To secure this, I should like to work with You: For instance the want of a good Telephone is felt in every mine or well as large industrial establishment; this want can be satisfied by giving them a cheap and effective Telephone. All the Bell instruments I have seen are wanting distinctness. My Son (now 21 years of age) is partner with the well known manufacturer of Zithers, Mr. Charles Kiendl in Vienna. They are now making so called 'Resonators' Boxes or Tables on which the instruments are placed when played upon; they get a very loud and very clear tone. This effect is produced by Springs being placed into the box to increase the tension of the wooden cover. If I had a couple of your original telephones I should like to try the effect of these 'resonators'. Could you not send me a couple of instruments to experiment with? I will with pleasure pay for them. You will give me great pleasure by informing me of the progress you are making, happy to hear from You. I remain, dear Sir,

ever Yours admiring

A. L. Fleury

I want to see you in person
our Visitors of the Tower
of Innocence & Love I
had a share & have had
the pleasure to see you
Sometimes

Yours

Jamestown Apl 4/76
A. L. Fleury

Ans June 10/78

T. A. Edison
My address in the
next year will be
Menlo Park N.J.

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, April 5th, 1878.

512-13th Street

Thos A Edison Esq -

Dear Sir -

I write to ask permission to visit you at your wonderful establishment, and in doing so enclose a document which indicates my position here. I send 100 letters a week (duplicated by your apparatus) to papers in twenty four States and Territories, and it is always a pleasure to me to imagine the achievements of true genius. As I have received an appointment as honorary Commissioner to Paris, I shall hope to see your remarkable inventions there. Please let me know when I shall be likely to find you "at home". Yours truly, P. B. Tracy

Answer very carefully and infer be that Mr Edison can generously for favor to give you [illegible]

E. T. Chapman
Mrs
Feb 5. 1878

Ed. T. Chapman

Brooklyn Feb 5/78

My Dear Edison

After a sojourn of many years upon the Pacific slope I am again upon my native heath but I find so many changes that it hardly seems like home. I would be greatly pleased to see & personally congratulate you upon your achievements in the scientific world. Please let me know where you will be in New York & where I can meet you.

As ever

Yours truly
E. T. Chapman
No 645 Bedford Ave

Say Mr Edison wants to know about times a week will an be required found at the Electric Pen & Zoneist not W W Bly –

Ca Marchese
Apr 5 1878

Newark N.J. April 5th 1878.

Mr T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find the article from the Ny. Star April 2nd. I mentioned in Mr Train's presence that I had promised to get the Star and send to you if I could get one, and Mr T. handed me the slip which I enclose.

I made a report of my visit to you at the meeting on Wed. Evening the 3rd Mr. Train and others thought that perhaps the City or Relief Committee might secure the use of the wires for

such a purpose; if they should, could you arrange for Wednesday Evening April 17th at the Newark Opera House. Mr. Train being booked for that evening.

If they should not be able get the use of the wires. Could you arrange to exhibit in the opera house, same as you do in your Factory.

It strikes me that you might, but of this, however you must be the judge.

Mr. Train would probably see you before hand; if not you may rest assured, that after seeing and hearing he would make the house ring, and do a very handsome thing for the cause. I suppose he could not see you before the 15th or 16th as he goes to Newark, N.J., to day. Will be at Rochester four or five days commencing Monday next, thence to Boston and Newark N.J. again the 17th which I think will be his 20th Lecture here. The Relief Committee think there is no doubt but what they can get the use of the wires, as the cause appeals to every body just now!

Financially! No doubt it will be a great success as the tickets are to be principally sold through the aid of the Female Charitable societies.

Will you donate your services and can you arrange for the said evening. please answer by return mail and oblige

Yours Very Respectfully
C. A. Marshall

Wally Cowan Inc (645 Bruce St)

John M. Raper

Union Ticket Office

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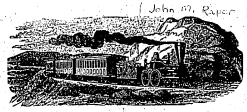

MERCHANT'S DESPATCH OFFICE.

JOHN M. RAPER, AGT.
Lock Box 288.

Big Rapids, Mich April 5 1878

Thomas Edison Esq
My Dear Sir

Pardon me for writing you but knowing you and and remembering your Inventive genius when you were on the Grand Trunk and the many times you came into my office to practice on my Telegraph Key and look at my Specimens of Buy Flies, &c, and in sending the Enclosed Clipped from a Detroit paper I thought would drop you a line for old acquaintance sake. I was Station Agent at New Baltimore in 1860 & 1861 when Stevenson & Jimmy Manby were on the Road. You indeed deserve the thanks of the American people and the thanks of the Telegraph Fraternity for your many Inventions

I have not yet had the pleasure of seeing or testing any of your Inventions I would like to see the Telephone or hear one in my office.

I should be pleased to hear from you.

Accept my Kind Regards & best wishes

I am yours

J M Raper

J. M. Baker
Oct. 5. 78

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James Hamblet

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MANUFACTORY: HAMPDEN STREET.
BOSTON.

Boston, April 5 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
N. J.

Dear Sir

I have heard with much pleasure of your many inventions and the last greatest eclipses them all. for the last two years with the exction of the last six months I have been managing a large Manufactory in Electrical work in San Francisco. for the last four months I tried Bell Telephone business in the west. I am now disengaged. can I help you? I hope you can have something for me to do. I shall be pleased to hear from you at this office.

Yours truly
James Hamblet

234 Broadway NY
April 5th 1878.

T. A. Edison Esqr

Dear Sir:

I will make ready one copy of each of the four pictures taken at your laboratory and send them to you soon as feasible

Truly

S. A. Holmes

New York April 6th/78

T. A. Edison
Menlo Park
N.J.

Dr Barker requests your to
be on hand at Seven (7) this
Evening

Mangr

47 Barker
Apr 6

University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Apr. 6. 1878.

My dear Sir:—

Your letter of the 4th is at hand. After your letter of the 20th March, offering to bring on your phonograph for my lecture I was a little disappointed to have you say that you had already let it to a permanent exhibition in New York. However, I wish you would get Edison's for that evening, for I would rather omit the phonograph altogether, than attempt to use the little concern Mr. Bentley had here. Please let me know at once what phonograph you can get for me, for that evening.

By the way, can you use your influence with the Company, to get me the loan of one of those

small machine (the one Mr. Bentley has for champers) for my own use. Do let the University for a few weeks. I don't know what other noise are, but I wonder if I like to show it to some friends here and also to present it before the National Academy of Sciences at Washington a week after next.

I note what you say in regard to the telephone permits. We agree to have a representative on Sunday, for one of all the medical parts of the lecture. You have I believe two medical committees. Will you have one in Music Park for Seniors to and where your three with the other one over here with the stereopticon when you come over. Sunday morning I shall be there. You will get here at 11.30; in time to rehearse. I will let you know the place when we have settled it.

You don't say anything about terms. I should like to have the matter fully understood beforehand so that there may be no misunderstanding on either side afterward. If I was paid a high price for the lecture, I could give you, as said your circular price. But as I am not, I cannot afford to. Please let me know what sum would satisfy you, for I know you are doing this as a favor to me.

Yours very truly,
George F. Barker.

E. H. Johnson, esq.

Philadelphia, April 6 1878

Mr _____

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Mr Edison Dear Sir

I am here in Philada at present in want of a "job." Since the automatic went into A & P Central have been working in Buffalo until 18th of last month. Times seem rather dull here but if I had a few words of recommendation from you I think I would be pleased to obtain a position here on Bradley's line as I heard him make the remark that he had known you for a number of years and was an intimate friend of yours. I think your influence would help me a great ways with him. As you have known nothing about me for

Philadelphia, _____ 187

Mr. _____

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the last 3 years I would like to have you inquire of Mr Moy, manager of Buffalo as to my character etc of you so dear
there is no opening at work or a and there is a sort of last
I remain hoping to hear from you soon
Yours Resp Geo. W. Mitchell

Perforator, that was

H. L. Roosevelt: Enclosure Breeding
I would ~~I~~ have ~~treated~~ Dr. Dunn with
all respect

Gulliver

Sent Apl 9th Reg Batchelor

# Edison Speaking Phonograph Company.

E. H. JOHNSON, General Agent,
P. O. Box 1050.

New York, Apl 7th 1878

My Dear Edison

Dr Jas R Taylor 234 E 12th St. City
- a very solid party - wants a device for amplifying indistinct sounds for purpose of Ear analysis - that is - analyzing the character of the sound by the hearing -

I suggested you could do it for him. - Can't you by means of the Carbon Telephone?

- For instance - Tap on your coat in presence of delicate sounds. Wont Elec. Cur. take it up & amplify in induct. Coil?

Write me your views

Think it will pay

Yours E H J

E H J
I should have to see Mr Taylor & get more details before I could answer intelligently
Edison

Jot Spencer

Jot Spencer Feb. 8, 1878

JOHN F. FOLLETT, J. M. DAWSON. } Law Offices of FOLLETT & DAWSON,

52 West Third Street,

CINCINNATI, April 5, 1878

T. A. Edison, Esq.,
Menlo Park, N.J.;

dear Sir — I cannot avoid a twinge of regret when I think of the loss suffered by dramatic art when you turned your back on tragedy. In order, however, that your histrionic aspirations may not be lost sight of I have inserted a reference thereto in the Commercial, a copy of which I send you.

Everybody is talking of Edison and you seem to be a "bigger man than old Grant." This is good; and as your success is the result of brains and hard work I congratulate you. What your old associates in the office here now desire, is that you shall invent a method of advancing operators' salaries to $200 per month and reducing their work hours to a minimum, say an hour and a half a day; If you ever come to Cincinnati call on me.

Yours, truly,
Jot Spencer.

Geo. H. Bliss, Genl Mgr.

OFFICE OF "ELECTRIC PEN" & "DUPLICATING PRESS"

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago April 8 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Received a copy of Phila Sele. gram containing an account of trial of telephone between New York and Phila. Was glad to see you succeeded so fortunately. What I want to know is how Phila succeeded? The Tribune this morning published my article in regard to "A Wonderful Genius" &c. I send you a copy. Have not read it but presume it all right. The Tribune is the paper to get this way and the Random to get anything in. Johnson says he can't lend me one of the first 25 Phonographs. I am willing to pay for it and can get a great deal of gratuitous advertising which want to do when the Duplicate gets scale. The Tribune has written up Phonograph. I write into the Phono. such as they think and write it same. I shall be glad in an unguarded hour if it does come.

Yours &c
Geo. H. Bliss. G. M.

234 Broadway N.Y.
April 8th 1878

T. A. Edison Esqr Dear Sir

I forward you one copy of each of the four negatives taken of your Self and the surrounding at Menlo Park.

The copies you require I shal be please to make ready at your command, The men in your employ were telling me they would have some copies and if you will please show them these I send you they will also order some, The Portrait I shal make lighter in future copies

Yours Truly

J. A. Holmes

The Cost of them is Six Dollars per Dozen

THE MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY.

NEW YORK, 8 Oct. 78

My Dear Edison

I want my mind in
you - the two only
[illegible] per day -
Please let me by return
when you will be in
town - A matter of
importance to yourself.
Write or telegraph me
here. May possibly
call Thursday.

Yours very truly

W. [illegible]

Wm Sypher
Apr 7. 1879

Mr Wm Sypher

Union Club.
Fifth Avenue & 21st Street.

April 4/78

Mr. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir

Mr Rochester of the Western Union Telegraph Co. has been kind enough, at the request of a mutual friend, to give a note of introduction to you -

I have lat recently arrived from England, where I have taken great interest in your results -

Will you kindly drop me a line saying when it wld. be convenient to you that I should present my letter –

I am very anxious to make your acquaintance, and see something of your wonderful inventions –

I remain

yrs – truly

Telegram sent to Spence Thursday 8 pm

Wm Edison

Please address –

Wm Edison

c/o Oliver Ahlborn Esq.

Menlo Park.

[ENCLOSURE]

Western Union Telegraph Company.

Treasurer's Office

New York, April 8 1875

R. H. Rochester
Treasurer

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce to you the bearer Mr R. H. Eyton of England who desires your acquaintance and whom I presume you will be glad to know.

Truly yours
R. H. Rochester

Chicago April 9 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park. N. J.

Dear Sir:

Letter in from Berlin. Says will have to lower price before can do an extensive business in Europe. He says "I think of writing to Entertain Mons Parriere of P. & Co. the great Paris bankers & lot of 70 friends, ladies & gents. There are 8 carriages in front with liveried servants in attendance. The Electric Pen and the Phonograph are the attractions." "Mr Perkins & my self are invited to a reception at Minister Noyes next Monday eve. We shall show up the Phono."

Respectfully
Geo. H. Bliss
Genl Mgr.

University of Penna.
Philadelphia Apr. 9. 1878.

My dear Sir:—

Your letter is at hand this morning and I was glad to get it because as I heard that you had gone to bed sick Saturday night I feared you might yet be ill.

I wrote to our friend Wallace and he sent me the makers address of that substance I suggested for your inside bore for the carbon button in the transmitter of yours. I send you in this two pieces of the stuff itself. It is made by the Vulcanized Fibre Company, No. 14 Dey St. New York. Their factory is at Wilmington, Del. Mr. W. uses it for insulating the break-

piece of his magneto machine and likes it much. It is said that there is no rubber in it and it can be moulded into any shape at pleasure.

Mr. Gray did not show me at the Centennial any apparatus for transmitting speech like the one you describe (which is the thing in his Caveat of Feb. 1876) but he described the transmitter to me at that time. The idea was to vary the strength of the current by causing a wire to vibrate up & down in a liquid, thus varying the resistance. This wire was to be attached to the diaphragm of a transmitter so that speech could be electrically reproduced. It looks to me as if Gray antedates Bell in the machine certainly, even if Bell was the first to do so.

perfect the apparatus as to make it practically useful.

Will you be good enough to let Johnson have your big phonograph for exhibition at my lecture? He writes that his is on exhibition in New York and cannot be spared. Can I not have for exhibition then, also one of your new disk phonographs? I will give the Phono. Co. a good puff if they care to have it.

I am much obliged for the transmitter and I use it considerably on short lines though I have talked to Menlo Park but once. I shall take it to Washington next week and exhibit it to the National Academy of Science; and I asked Mr. Bache the other evening if we could not either Wednesday

Geo W Parker
Apr 9. 78

or Thursday afternoon talk direct with you from the Institution. If you are disposed to try it, I should like very much to arrange it. But I fear my coil here is hardly strong enough for that long circuit. So if you can loan me a bracket for the occasion I should like it.

The rehearsal Sunday morning will take place in the Academy of Music here at 10 o'clock. But Dr Johnson writes he will not come over till that morning and will reach here at 11.30. We may not be ready for you before that time. All we want is songs, solo and duet, & instrumental music (if convenient) on the musical transmitter received on the motograph and talk on the telephone.

Cordially yours
George A. Barker.

Assumed at 60 days "expires" 2 months

Hartford. Ct.
Apr. 10th 1878.

Prof T. A. Edison.

Dear Sir.

I beg to state that I am associated in business with an American gentleman in China & that we are in the way of introducing American novelties both in China & Japan.

Although I cannot just now see ~~your~~

how your wonderful Phonograph can be utilized in those countries, yet I have no doubt it will be, and I & my friend would like very much to present three instruments to as many "Viceroys", provided we can obtain them at not too great expense.

As it would be for your advantage in a general way, & will not be pecuniarily for ours, it has occurred to me that quite possibly you might feel willing to furnish three instruments for the purpose stated, at reduced rates.

If it should subsequently appear that there is any demand for these instruments in the East we would be glad to act as your

agents on such terms as we can agree upon.

I will refer you to the Science Minutes to the U. S. - Hon. Yung Wing. Hartford. Ct.

Will you kindly reply stating at what price you will furnish three Phonographs for purpose represented.

Yours respy.

E. W. Kellogg M.D.

THE

Edison Speaking Phonograph Company.

E. H. JOHNSON, General Agent,
P. O. Box 5329.

New York, Apl 10/ 1878

My Dr Edison
Please oblige me by sending
Painter one of your
Good Points for his Phono
I get them by filing as
you directed but can't
get them made so as
to work OK from the
Mechanics hands
Had an immense success
last night & yesterday
Crowd last night - Good Many
I knew -
Yours Truly
Geo. W. Lum

#84.

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# Edison Speaking Phonograph Company.

E. H. JOHNSON, General Agent,
P. O. Box 5289.

New York, Apl 10th 1878

My Dear Edison

About Barker -

Like all other perfectly gratuitous business this going to Philad^a with the Phonograph is going to give me a heap of trouble. My Phonograph is under steady engagement & cannot be spared a single day or night - Applebaugh is likewise engaged in Brooklyn. We shall have no others until the 23^rd of this month - His opera is on the 15^th - now what am I to do - Can you not ship yours over on Saturday If I have it promptly returned on Tuesday. Barker does not want the little unsatisfactory machines Bentley had - nor could I operate it in the presence of so large

THE

# Edison Speaking Phonograph Company.

E. H. JOHNSON, General Agent,
P. O. Box 5259.

New York, 1878

an audience as he will have
at the academy.
I am having a special Phono
made for our Exhib. but it will
not be done in time to relieve
mine - nor could I go myself
if it were - indeed I doubt see
how I can get away as it is.
I am compelled to work there
now nearly all day - and to
give quite an extended Lecture
in the Evening - no one else can
take my place - Yesterday our
receipts were $84. they steadily
increase day by day - by next
Monday it may simply be impossible
for me to go - Prof Barker seems
to be filled with the idea that
I am forcing myself on him
for the purpose of making

THE

# Edison Speaking Phonograph Company.

E. H. JOHNSON, General Agent,
P. O. Box 5233.

New York, ..... 1878

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making something - the fact is I will pay him to release me from what I volunteered to do at your suggestion before I became so involved in the meshes of this Phono. business here. It is due me, that you set me right with Barker & if possible get me released from this annoying dilemma. Can't you write him & explain & if possible send him your Phono instead of ME. He would doubtless prefer it & my personal services with a little one

Truly Yours

E. H. Johnson

See what he says in 42. & EM. 9. 78.
You have it
E.H.J.

Geo M Beard
Ult-10

Geo M Beard

April 10. 1888.

41 WEST 59th STREET,
New York.

My dear Sir:

I enclose a circular & should be pleased if you send it to any one here you think should be affected with idiopathic neurasthenia or paralysis.

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the amazing success

that is not commonly
The notice of the world. I
should have been astonished,
but long since I have
learned to be astonished at
anything that you do, neither
do you fail to make
some wonderful discovery
every six months.

I saw the phonograph
talking, singing, & whistled
badly, most of the time
in the occasion, but I
so doubt - to the imperfection
of the needle - but one
day poor Sam could
hear it - with con-

Poor Mamie is writing, & my pen is
with it. Mamie sends her love to you
& to Mary & Fanny. Yesterday seem
to be the day summer of Mamie
Monday & Dark begin a series of future
The scientific study of Human Behavior
under which Dr. & Mrs. & the
[illegible] & the
[illegible] in
[illegible]

[ENCLOSURE]

(1878-Articles)

# CIRCULAR OF INQUIRY.

## TO SUFFERERS FROM "WRITER'S CRAMP."

*The undersigned is desirous of obtaining as many facts as possible relating to the symptoms and history of the disease known as "Writer's Cramp."*

*He would be obliged if those who are victims of this disease or of analogous conditions, as the cramp of artists, pianists, violinists, engravers, telegraph operators, or of any of the special arts or trades, would fill out the accompanying blank and forward to the address given below.*

*Journals who receive this circular would confer a favor by calling attention to the fact that these researches are being made and that blanks can be had on application.*

*Physicians to whom this circular is addressed would also confer a favor by sending any facts of interest in cases that come under their care.*

*Information relating to the early and premonitory symptoms of the disease is especially desired.*

GEORGE M. BEARD, M. D.

41 WEST 29TH STREET,

NEW YORK.

[ENCLOSURE]

## LIST OF QUESTIONS TO WHICH ANSWERS ARE REQUESTED.

*1.—Name and Address? (initials, or simply a blank, will answer; all that is required is a guarantee of good faith).*

*2.—Age?*

*3.—Sex.*

*4.—Temperament?*

*5.—Occupation at the time the disease appeared?*

*6.—Present occupation?*

*7.—How many hours a day, on the average, were you accustomed to work at the time the disease first appeared?*

*8.—What was the* FIRST *symptom that you noticed, in the fingers, hand, arm, shoulder or neck?*

*9.—What have been the symptoms from first to last?*

*10.—What treatment have you used?*

*11.—Has any treatment been of service?*

*12.—Have you been able to continue your occupation? if so, with what success?*

*13.—If you have changed your occupation or taken a long vacation has the relief been permanent?*

*14.—Have you suffered from any other form of nervous disease? If so, what disease? Has your general health been good?*

*15.—What kind of a pen do you find to be easiest? Steel, gold or quill?*

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*16.—Have you ever received any benefit from any mechanical devices; and if so from what?*

*17.—Have you ever learned to write with the left hand? If so, did the disease extend to the left side*

*18.—Can you give the addresses of any other sufferers from this or any analogous disease.*

## MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.
(U. R. R. OF N. J. DIV.)
NEW YORK DIVISION.

OFFICE OF DIVISION OPERATOR.

WILLIAM ETTENGER, Div. Operator.

Jersey City, April 11th 1878

Mr Hussey Esq

Sir.

Some of our officers in New York & City and Newark wish to come out some afternoon — say on 81 — Night wish to see Mr Edison's Phonograph and Telephone with a view of their of trying some of the telephones. Please see Mr Edison and advise me what day will be convenient to him to bring them out would like to have a days notice as they are very much engaged and cannot get away more than notice.

2 or 3 of them wish to bring their wives if not objectionable

Yrs W. Ettenger

any day after tuesday as Mr Jeffers wants to come out

Washington D.C.
April 11 '78

Send I would be pleased to call on you

Thos A Edison Esq.

Dear Sir

I send you to-day's mail a copy of my paper the Republic containing a few rough sketches of some of the possible results of your invention.

In 1866 while a cadet at West Point, I invented a plan of aerial navigation involving the use of an electric engine &c. I had it submitted to the Emperor Napoleon through the French minister here. Entering the Chinese Military Service shortly afterwards I paid no more attention to the matter until 1870. when I returned and put a model and plans on record in the Patent office. I have been talking with Prof. Henry in regard to the electric engine and details and find that there is nothing in the way of the practicable working of the ideas involved.

With your resources and skill this matter ought now to be practically tried. If you feel any interest in the subject I would be glad to hear from you

Yours truly

John Bigelow Meeker

Editor Wash. Republic
1221 - 10th St.
Wash. D.C.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

You agree to give me the receipt for manufacturing duplicating ink. Please have Mr. Batchelor make it out and send to me and oblige

Respectfully,
Geo. H. Bissell
Gen'l Mang'r

Use Seen
A. Batch

W-4-11-78

My O & E

Please wire me if you will be home Saturday - I may run over -

I see Graphic puts the "Motty Magpine" out in, & calls it JAE - Shoot him on sight -

are you going to the skinned by Wm on Tel'phone - they say you are "their meat" -

Leslie's is the best yet out in shape of cuts - E & J is doing some good biz! in advertising puzzle and Phiz fun in a cork & mail me for little Phiz -

Can't you send me a few lines occasionally? I ought to have a mem'



down then 5 per ct. I expect to see you paid 1500. to $2000. royalty by 5th of May! If you will let me help you on the Telephone I'll put you & yours beyond want at one stroke!!!!

Yours,

Leave New York
at Eleven

Will arrive at home Friday
Morning

Prof Lawrence
Astor Hoffman House

Apuntes

E B Smith
Apr 11, 78

New York
April 11th
1878

Miss

My dear Sir,

I shall see for Cuba on the 27th of this month, to be absent some time -

If in the interim you should not the Continent any letter left for me at 10 Place de la Madeleine Paris, care of this Book and I will be promptly attended to -

I trust that I may yet have an opportunity of being useful to you.

Respectfully yours
Edward Burton Smith

20, Irving Place.

OFFICE OF

HENRY STEWART,

Manufacturer of Sewing Machines,

528 EIGHTH AVENUE,

☞ Postal Orders payable at Station "E."

New York, April 11th 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find check for $62.00 for balance of a/c. Please acknowledge receipt. With many thanks for patience & indulgence I am

Very Respectfully &c
Henry Stewart
Newton

Ack'd Rec'd

New York Apr. 12

To T A Edison

Shall you be
home tomorrow
afternoon?

H C W Post

A.C.

Blank No. 1.

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following message:

Sworn to by stockholders and officers of the company, or by persons not stockholders, but who have been left in the sensitive station for companies, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery of messages sent to a Company's office for transmission.

A. B. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York Apr 18th 1878

Received at

To L. A. Edison

Interference
Matter needs attention
Will you be over Friday

J. E. Ruff

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York June 12 1878

My dear Edison. I have received a request from the counsel of the U.S. regarding interference between you & Dr Nicholson — I shall desire to see you before replying. Having just etc from Washington I cannot go out to meet bright & settle matter. You asking if you need be in N.Y. day, but have received no reply. If you are in town please

Once more —

I saw Judge Kelley whilst in Washington & he talked about putting Philadelphia upon the list to at least & encourage individual experiments like yours in addition to scientific institutions etc. He suggested that you write a letter to Senator Ward who is Chairman of the Committee — did you write & Butler as I suggested? The whole matter is in good shape & don't worry when you see Edmund & mine & quietly straightening all round. He can tell you

Write you rebel corp room. See Chas. Yes. Will do another time

Pay Parker's

Pieces of paper, etc. that I have given you are my anything & everything. Keep them. Burn them. I shall not be in town until Tuesday 25th. Remember me to Mrs. Edison. Yours etc. J. C. Reiff

file. Meadow

April 12, 1878

Mr Thos A. Edison

Dear Sir:

My friend Henry Bentley has favored me with a letter of introduction to you, in which he is so kind as to say of me "he is honest and is a man of my own kind." My visit is not of mere curiosity. and as Mr. Bentley says you are not certain to be at home without precarrangement, I beg to ask (if agreeable to you,) when I may present my credentials.

Very respect

Wm Dorsey Taylor

On the Cars. Apl. 12. 78.

My dear Mr. Edison:

Have you given up going to Europe? Will you come to Chautauqua to enlighten a lot of good & clever folks about Electricity, phonograph etc? Who shall be your speaker? Prof. Arnold is it who explained the phonograph in New York? I wonder if we can get him?

J. H. Vincent
Troy, Oct. 27 78

Pardon the pencil. I write on the cars and like you, I am a busy man.

Trinitarian
Dwight Comes one fourth — Mon 16
to the Circle
Chautauqua

Hoping to hear from you soon, and that you can come to Chautauqua, I remain,

Sincerely yours
J. H. Vincent
Plainfield, N.J.

PHILADELPHIA LOCAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY
FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL, MARITIME AND GENERAL NEWS BUREAU

Philg 4.12.1898

Friend Thomas.

Nature never lies—Art does; so do artists.

Now I have no doubt that the Sun painted your "human face divine" on Mr. S. T. Holmes's plate beyond dispute, but the Graphic's artist did you an injustice. I cannot at this time consider all the points of objection so we will enter a general denial and ask for a special injunction to restrain

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this artist. The Court assumes that the date of your birth must have been 1827 instead of 1847 in order that you should like the Graphic's portrait of you. See Ct of May 4th 1889 (P.C. p. 516) & Digest of Law 28 ro ——

Opinion of Benton P.J. April 12th 1898 —

No dissenting opinion hereto.

The witnesses of the latter in general conduct themselves with the mere expression of an opinion and the former state many facts in support of their opinions ---- Decree that we want and will have more Carbon Transmitter,

[MEMORANDUM BY CHARLES BATCHELOR]

Colbeau was here yesterday (April 12?) He said he had made a pair of large magnets worked between N.Y. & Boston

Colbeau and Bell are in interference started recently

Lecture at academy of Science tuesday or Wednesday next week want talking from here

Barker says this the most scientific thing on record

He says Johnson says the instrument he uses is in use all the time and he (Barker) is afraid there will be some for him. I told him I thought you would send you big one just for that occasion

Wants a rehearsal on Sunday morning to the academy and will send letter previous as to the experiments they on that morning

Laughed heartily at the magnets touching bottom & said at a much less distance than that it would touch

The induction coil that he used had only 40 ohms in secondary talking came very good after it got warmed up

[MEMORANDUM BY CHARLES BATCHELOR]

He was going down to a reception to-day & he should tell them that he had been talking over the wire for 70 miles just previous to coming

He said the more he saw of the carbon telephone the more he liked it he said it was a most wonderful thing

We tried the lead pencil experiment of those two French men about putting it against the diaphragm but I could only get sounds no articulation

Phonograph

He said that he understood that Hubbard held most of the stock. I believed he had an interest but did not know how much.

Would have had Dolbear talk with you last night but they had his wire down he saw I wasn't to hear ~~[illegible]~~ very bad

Ben Thompson

B Thompson

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ANSON STAGER, Vice-Pres't, Chicago. | WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't. A. B. BREWER, Sec'y. | New York.

Dated Toledo O 4/3 187 5

Received at

To Friend Edison

Am down again could not get down to Toledo, was anxious to get down to see you Mary and Children and how things looked at your head quarters but will be there again before long, you looking and so am I and I can't take kicks you out of a million, I want to see your photograph while in New York after I saw you and I

READ THE NOTICE ABOVE FIRST.

was wonderfully well pleased, you have got it up to a fine state of perfection. Since I came back I have been thinking that you could do me a great help and at the same time make money for yourself. If you would give me a helping hand on the score of an early day together, I would very much appreciate it and it would give me a start, and that is what I need. I am certain that I could make a good thing in this city giving public exhibitions of your cacking machine. I think will hold

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Dated ................ 1878

Received at ................

To ................

in the matter concd
Exhibit will, after a few
hours practice. This is
quite a place now
and we might make
it pay big. I hope you
will help me in some
way, and I must say
that I am certain
that public Exhibitions
in the west would
pay big. Please let
me hear from you at
an Early date—
Your friend
B. Thompson

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

C. M. Keeler
April 12 1878

Hartford. Ct. Apr. 12th/78.

Thos. A. Edison. Esq.

Dear Sir.

Thanks for your favor of 11th inst.

I will do as you suggest, but meanwhile please bear it in mind that I can easily demonstrate to you that we have very special facilities for introducing your inventions

The Edison Electric

in China & Japan.

I will give as one reference, H. E. Yung Wing, the Chinese Minister to the U. S.

Yours respectfully,

E. W. Kellogg.

Form 7.] [Telegraph.

# PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO.'S TELEGRAPH.

(per Baker's Lecture)

Received, ..... Office, ..... Operator, ..... d'ol'c. M. ..... Apr. 15. 18 .....

From ..... For E. A. Edes .....

Mr Robinson requests me day to express that his friends would like a few minutes from 10 o'clock morning he will be on Pacific & would like to talk with you about nine thirty so that he can be home work before he goes to University

Barr
(Barrows)

Wm Baines
Apr 15-78

Bridgeport April 15 78

Mr Thos A Edison
Dear Sir
Shall you be at home, and will it be convenient, for me to call upon you a week hence, on Monday April 22nd
I will endeavor to not make you too much trouble or take up too much of your time. I have a few questions to ask, & I shall be glad to have all the aid you may give.
Perhaps you may remember my friends call about two years ago when at work on "Electrical music machine"

Also whether you owe on
the Penn R.R. &c
Yours truly
Wm. Th. Baird

Dear Sir

It would be impossible for
me to say if I should be home
on the 22. but I am always
to be found here or at
The W.U. Telegraph office
or Electric Pen of 20 Nassau
Street N.Y.

Yours

Charles H. H. Cottrell

# Merchants Despatch Transportation Co.

FAST FREIGHT LINE.

Office, No. 22 Camp Street.

C. H. H. COTTRELL, Agent.

New Orleans, La., April 15th 1878

Friend Edison:

I write you with the hope of being able to make some kind of a business arrangement with you that may be of advantage to us both. I am, at present, as you will see by this blank, in the freight business; but am looking for a close out very soon as the Company is not paying expenses to this point, and it behooves me to be looking for another situation. I have seen so much in the papers of "the wonderful Edison" and "the greatest inventor of the 19th Century" and his wonderful inventions that it has occured to me that I might be of service to you in introducing your instruments in this section of

the Country if you should wish to place any of them before the ~~Country~~ public. I am married now, and, like all operators not gifted beyond their own peculiar ability, am still plodding on in the old way. Tom, (the professor will pardon the familiarity) if you do see a chance to give me a lift don't forget me and I'll serve you faithfully and well. Knowing how fully your time is occupied I shall not ask for a reply to this (unless you are pleased to write a favorable one) and will close by assuring you that I am rejoiced at your success and proud to know that a distant (so very distant) relative of mine has achieved such wonderful results. Accept my warmest regards for yourself, wife, and baby (?) and believe me

Very Sincerely, yours.

Chas. N. Cottell

(11.)

E. H. H. Cottrell

# Merchants Despatch Transportation Co.

FAST FREIGHT LINE.

Office, No. 22 Camp Street.

O. H. H. COTTRELL, Agent.

New Orleans, La., _____ 187

P.S. If ever Willie Edouin, a famous actor, should present himself to you treat him well. He is a particular friend of mine and as good a fellow as you can meet in a days travel.

C.H.H.C.

~~Write~~

Friend Cottrell –
Telephone & phone people out of my hands – for phone agency
Write to Ed Johnson Room 28
Tyng Bldg Ky – yours
Edouin

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A. R. BREWER, Sup't. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Washington D.C. Apr. 16th 1878

Received at

To Thos A. Edison

National Academy of Science invites you to attend its meeting and exhibit your Phonograph and Telephone on Wednesday or Thursday sept. Please answer if you can come

Jos. S. Henry
President Academy of Science

40 paid 5/- cash

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

New York, April 16th 78

T. A. Edison Menlo Park N.J.

If you are not coming in to day I will try and get there this P.M. Answer

Giffen
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Joseph Henry

Washington Apr. 17 1878

T. A. Edison

Telegram received shall be happy to see you.

Joseph Henry
AB

Newark June 17th 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your telegram, but I wish to see you. I have taken out a distress warrant on all of the Machinery in Murray's place, as you have not renewed your Chattel Mortgage you will plainly see that I can sell all the Machinery a enough to satisfy my claim. I have not received a dollar in seventeen months from Murray with the exception of the two thousand dollars check which you gave the month and yet I am

Wm Kirk
Apr 17. 78

Mr. Wallace

not anxious to sell him out if I can make some of the payment of what is due to me, I have waited patiently for it. and as I am now leaving I do not wish to run any risk and relinquish my claim for the moment I lift my lien your chattel Mortgage is good again I think it would be very much to your advantage to pay me and save your Mortgage. I have no confidence in Murray paying those notes, and will not relinquish my claim without collateral security It is for your sake that I hold up for the proceeds If I must hear from you or see you I shall see at once, I will meet you on the cars, - at Newark or at Menlo Park or any time you will state by sending one word when and where Please pay attention to this as I am tired of waiting and want my money

Yours truly

M. Arthur

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A. R. BREWER, *Secretary.*

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WILLIAM ORTON, President.

April 17 1878

*Send the following Message subject to the above terms which are agreed to.*

To T A Edison Esq
Please Come See Rosk
or he will sell us out
The balls will but wants to mut
you send me dispatch and I will
pay for it as it will quick him
I will wait at Shop till I hear
from you
Murray

☞ READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT AT THE TOP.

[illegible]

[illegible] Kirk

[illegible] proposition

[illegible] you chat

you will be pd.

J. Ch. Eckermann

[illegible]

C. J. Bleecker

Henry Morton
Apr 26-78

file Miscellaneous

Stevens Institute of Technology,

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY.

April 17th 1878

T. Edison Esqr.

Dear Sir

An express man came here today with one of your Phonographs in a box addressed to me, and certain papers to sign.

As I had heard nothing about the matter I told him to let it stand until I could write to you.

As Prof. Mayer has taken up the subject of investigating your Phonographs I would not like to enter the field unless he gives it up.

Under these circumstances I could make no use of a phonograph, as long as he has one. This leads me to suppose that the one sent down was perhaps intended for him.

If there has been any mistake in the matter which would throw this instrument on your hands however I shall be glad to take it.

I have made 3 mouthpieces one for Dr. Schellen one for Dr. Parker and one which Mr Jones has filled up for himself.

If agreeable to yours I should like to make some arrangement by which Mr. Wale could make them as a matter of business to sell to Professors in Colleges and the like, paying a royalty for them.

Can such an arrangement be made and if so how?

Very truly yours

Edward Morton

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York Apr 18th 1878

Received at

To T. A. Edison

Will you be at Laboratory all day tomorrow (Friday) I wish to see you

T. J. Smith

Write today

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NY Apl 19 78

Tom I tried to see you at the Astoria house Tuesday but you cooped me home every yesty I went to Menlo Park found you were in Wash I've got $100 for you and want to get rid of it

I have just rec'd Voltaire's Philosophic Dictionary from Jos. Mendum Boston who publishes such works - Have you ever seen it?

I send you something personal from Boston the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~the~~ best of the many little articles which I have seen

L.G.

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A. R. BREWER, Secty. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York Apr 19th 1878

Received at

To T. A. Edison

When will you be in New York. I wish to see you on business

J. O. Green

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

J. A. Pickler
Apr. 19. 78

Washburn, Ills. Apr. 19-78
Prof. Edison:

I received word from the company in regard to your Speaking Phonographs.
I write to ask you if you will please take time to give me a brief review of your life from the time you commenced on the Grand Trunk R.R. as newsboy, passing along giving items of interest about your telegraphing in different places, your experimenting, studying etc. up to the present time.
I desire such accounts as are of interest to the public of one who has been the

means of awakening
so much interest in this
wonderful invention to the
people, and sufficient to
wake up in a receive
to give from 30 to 45 min.
in connections with exhibi-
tions of the Phonograph.
I shall be very thankful
for a few lines of your
writing as you write in
reporting from the telegraph,
and the no. of words you
write per minute.
I have spent about all
I have in educating my-
self and have not the
means to recompense you
as present for the trouble
my request granted will
give you, but will be
pleased to liberally reward
you as soon as I get
started with my business.
etc.

Please let me here
from you as soon as possi-
ble and I shall be very
thankful.

Respectfully,

Prof. J. O. Applebee.

Washburn, Ills.
(Woodford Co.)

Cannot

refer him to the
Chicago Tribune which
by E H Blessing full
information

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, April 17th 1878

My dear S.A.

A party tells me that he finds that electricity acts immediately & very coquettly upon vegetation. Hence if a natural battery could be cheaply made base in connection with a fertilizer, it would be of great economic value.

He finds that by taking a box filled with soil & planting say asparagus or salad, & running through it a net work of wires attached to a battery, he stimulates the growth very greatly.

He says further he has found a cheap substitute for iron & by mixing with refuse Boneblack, refuse lime etc makes a fertilizer which in combination is auxiliary more valuable than Guano or Phosphate, & brings the iron back, a naturally balanced directly acting fertilizer, a stimulant

Perhaps what Edison is trying may prove of great benefit to the Country & Cuba in the advancement of Agriculture.

Menlo Park April 19. 78

My dear Sir Thomas,

I stopped here on my way home from Philadelphia hoping to see you. There are several matters I wish to discuss. I have rec'd a letter from my brother Cornelius from Paris April 1st & among other things I quote the following - "I have about concluded arrangements with Puskas by which I become the Sole agent in France for the Sale of Edisons Patents Especially the Phonograph (He (Puskas) reserves for himself the Exposition) For the Telephone we have also an arrangement." My brother also adds "The government treat me very well and I am assured that the concession will be granted." This concession is for running wires through the air a very important thing for economy. Hoping to see you next week and trusting the above report will please you I remain Yours truly

Halborn C. Roosevelt.

W. KURTZ,

PORTRAITS,

Madison Square, (1st Street.)

Received Highest Awards in

VIENNA, PARIS & NEW YORK.

Judges Report from

PHILADELPHIA:

"For general artistic excellence in all styles of portrait photography, plain, oxygen, oil and pastel and for a new process of making durable Oxygens."

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| Dr. H. Vogel. | Col Constable. |
| Prof. Wurster. | E. N. Arles. |
| Jas. Mc Graw. | Geo. Bullock. |
| Donald G. Mitchell. | J. F. Ware. |
| T. Hill Smith. | A. Tassardine. |
| | Henry Draper. |

New York, Apr. 20 1878

T A Edison Esq

Dear Sir

Mr Jell Turner has given me your address. I desire very much to make a large picture (Oxygen) of you for my Gallery and if you would be so kind as to come for a sitting any day to suit you, when you will be in the city you would confer a favor on me all the time required for the sitting will be about 10 minutes.

Respectfully Yours
W Kurtz

E Wilkinson
Dear Sir:
You will recommend my
thanks for the offer & will call on
you at the earliest opportunity
Yours truly
T A Edison

CNO apl 29th 78

Friend Edison

Have made good progress
My departure definitely
fixed for May 7th.
Will you be at Menlo
Park all next week?
I shall spend couple
days (at least) of next
week there.
How are Telefone
Fonograf now as
compared with a month
ago
Will there be any difficulty
about getting ~~[illegible]~~
two or three sets of yr
Telefones and a Photograph
at short notice

Yrs T. J. Smith
197 Broadway
care Ludwig

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
APR 22 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

My dear -

How little any one can know what the morrow will bring forth! Orton had many good qualities & was a giant among pigmies as Addoy & Dyer! When he was Orton he was a kind hearted man & if he had not been worn down by the hungry stockholders would have been a different man. Now that he is gone the Pacific ring will rule, your only friend is gone, your enemies are now rulers & it is very fortunate that you see Phone was not bought - now you are free to get its value, the pecuniary sacrifice which you felt you were making to help Orton need not now be done - now you can do whatever is best

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for the Edisons & line up to your contract -

The Photos are excellent - I will send you specimens to-morrow. Brady is willing to copyright them & put on the market & pay a fair cost on his sales - I will try for 1/4 & promise him that you will not sit for any other Photo until he makes their sale a success - I think a good many can be sold

I get 3 applications to-day to show them for Church &c!

Yours
W. Rainie

U.H. Painter

My D.E.

I mail you all the stars I can find all over the city. (12)

I mail 2 copies of the Photos! How do you like yours? This was best of all the plates.

Some large ones will be done to-morrow

U.H.P.

W 4-23-78

Buckingham Works.

~~[illegible]~~ York April 23rd 1878

Professor T.A. Edison

Sir/

Knowing your great interest in Telephony I take the liberty of sending you the enclosed, respecting which I shall be pleased to have your opinion as to its utility in connection with your Telephone. — You will see that I have taken a patent out for it in England but at present have no protection in the U.S.A. — & before taking any steps in the matter I shall be pleased to know your opinion. —

I have now tried it with high diaphragms & find the effect very clear & with considerable increase of volume on the Receiver. — I am submitting the patent to the Bell Telephone Company here the works in connection with their Instr. —

I have been greatly interested in the various apparatus of your wonderful phonograph & hope shall have the pleasure of listening to it ere long.

Yours very truly

Eloy Walker

Sundry Apparatus
Electric Lighting
Magnetos

Apologizing for thus
introducing myself
& awaiting the favor
of your kind reply

I remain
Yours most resp.
[illegible]

Lawrence Cottage
Cemetery Road
York

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

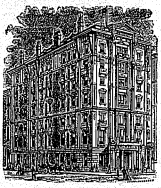
Send it across above letter. The Associated Press spoke your work from the World today. I leave for N. Y. tonight – Expect to be there Friday – Hadley will probably go out to see you that day. He sails for Europe Saturday. Things are red hot with Battle particularly when I see you

Respectfully

Geo. H. Bliss

G. M.

(Ed. Pais.)
Grosvenor P. Lowrey



Hotel Lafayette,

Broad Street bet. Chestnut & Walnut,

Philadelphia, April 23 1878

My dear Edison

I am here in attendance upon my poor wife — who is seeking strength & courage for the great trial she must — undergo on Saturday next.

I parted with Orton on Saturday evening & his last words to me were of you. I am sure it will gratify you to know that they were words of more than esteem — of affection. Even in the times when we were differing he had always a warm place in his heart for you, among those few who were admitted to that

Hotel Lafayette,

Broad Street bet. Chestnut & Walnut,

2 Philadelphia, _____ 187

inner place.

I am thankful for having known William Orton. I never yet heard from his lips a thought that was not upright, noble & pure. I think he was incapable of a mean thought as he was of a wrong — action. It is for those of us who must look to other things than pecuniary success for distinction to cherish the memory, & spread the refute of such a man as Orton, whose qualities of head & heart stand out high above all the money of Wall Street in the esteem of intelligent men.

As he spoke to me last of you, I write first to you of him.

Yrs Truly, G P Lowrey

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

WATER REGISTER'S OFFICE.
Room 10, City Hall.

MEMORANDUM.
April 24 1878.

Dear Sam

Will you be at Menlo Park next Monday or Tuesday? If so would like to make a call on you with a couple of friends. Our busy season commences here on May 1st so that if I come at all, these will be the only days I can get away.

Yours &c
Ira S. Williams.
Room 10 City Hall

N.Y. Apl. 24 78

Thos A. Edison
Dear Sir.
This will introduce Mr. Sam'l W. Dewey from North Carolina. He is desirous of seeing the most renowned inventor of this age Mr T.A. Edison
Very truly
A.S. Downer

New York. Apl 25th. '78.

Friend Edison

I was in at Johnson's — 235 Ct — on my way down this P.M.

He wished me to say to you that $500.00 was ready for you at Chauncey, and you could get it on calling — I presume you may have been there, but I write this, as it will be of service if you have not.

Miller Oct 15. 78

Please tell Mr. Kenny if he shall go down again this week.

I shall see you, if you come in on Saturday.

Miss

Hope everything went well with T. at your house yesterday.

Yours

Miller

Menlo Park Apr 25. 1878

J T Murray

10 & 12 Ward St Newark N.J.

Come down here and get Noted

T A Edison

J. T. MURRAY,
MANUFACTURER OF
TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS,
NOS. 10 & 12 WARD STREET,

Newark, N. J., April 25 1878

T A Edison Esq

Sir

several of the first Citizens of Newark have asked me to use my influence with you to arrange some suitable time when the could visit your Laboratory and see the place also the Great Eye Newarker, who they all seem delighted with

Mr Cobb & Mayor
Jones & Jackson
Palmer & Baldwin
Carter & Parker
Revd Steele Forrester

there is enough to fill a special car let me hear from you so I can let them know when

Thos A. Edison Esq.,  April 25th 1898.

My Dear Brother:

Your assignments for the Chalauqua Meetings for 1898 are as follows. Please do not change the dates if you can possibly avoid it. Indeed in most cases on my programme it will be impossible for me to change the dates.

Let me hear from you at once. I sail for Europe May 10th and want every thing settled before I leave.

Yours truly,
J. H. Vincent
Plainfield N.J.

Assignments.

Lecture & illustration of Electricity, the Telephone, Phonograph, Aerophone &c as instructed by _____ at 2 P.M.

Friday Aug. 20.

M Edlenthal
Cincinnati
April 25 78

Cincinnati, April 25. 78

Prof. Thomas A. Edison.

Dear and Honored Sir.

Some gentlemen speak of presenting to our University a telephone and phonograph of your glorious and wonderful construction; and others intend to add to them a crayon-likeness of yours, to adorn our physical cabinet. May I ask you the favor of sending me a photograph of yours, so that we may forever remind our American youth of the triumph of the greatest inventor of our age.

To express my personal sentiment of admiration, is out of place. A man crowned with the laurel of immortality may not expect praise from mortal men.

With the highest consideration, Yours truly

D H Lilienthal
President Cincinnati University

Miscellaneous

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P. O. Box 1714. *New York, Apl 26th 1878*

Thos A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
N J

Dear Sir.

One of our friends wants a roll of half inch "Chemically pure" Register paper. The paper you use for Domestic Registers will do if not soaked in the preparation they use on it. Can you send us a roll before she is soaked?

Yours truly
M. W. Goodyear

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Committee on Rules
Committee on Appropriations
Committee on Pensions

Chairman Committee on Mines and Mining

**Thomas J. Phelps, Senator of Minnesota,**

Washington, *April 26*, 1878.

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Dear Sir —

I hope to have the pleasure of visiting your place at Menlo Park ~~last~~ next week and renewing the pleasure I enjoyed while witnessing the operations of your wonderful talking machine. I send enclosed a paragraphic notice which I took pleasure in sending to a hundred papers by means of your Electric Pen. Wishing that the substantial reward may equal the real glory of your inventions and discoveries, I remain

Yours truly T. J. Phelps
Secy to Senator Windom.

Menlo Park Apr 26 78

Wm Ettinger Jersey City N J

Can you come down this afternoon with friends

T A Edison

(Apr. 26.)

Message to T A Edison Menlo Park

I am compelled to meet Mr Barker on account of Inspection train which will soon be here therefore am sorry to say cannot come

Wm Ettinger

R D Unger
Apr 27. 1878

Lee Mercedes

R.D. Unger

Minneapolis, Minn.,
April 27, 1878.

Friend Edwin —

Your brief (and pretty) note reached me over a week ago, and I thought I would simply announce its reception.

I sent you a St. Paul Globe, a day or two after, in which some comments were made upon the use of Cinchona in drunkenness, a medical discovery of mine. Since then I have received over a hundred letters, coming from

from 16 States, and I begin to believe there is a "fortune" — with capital — in money in it. Yesterday I received no less than 17 from Chicago, many of them ordering the medicine. Of course there is a profit in it, and had I the capital a greater fortune than that made by either Jayne or Ayer could be realized; but I am poor, terribly so, being one of the victims of Jay Cooke's Northern Pacific swindle to the tune of over $10,000, all I had, or nearly so.

I have had quite a number of offers, partnerships, &c., tendered me, but I turn them from hand lest they, as I intend to trade mark "R. D. Unger's Tincture of Hinchman for Drunkenness," before I do anything.

I shall soon be in funds and will secure the patent on my electrical nerve apparatus, after which, with your permission, we "will talk business."

Yours, truly,

R. D. Unger.

I shall be pleased to hear of your continued success.

J. C. REIFF,

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, Apl 25th 1878

My dear J.A.

Referring to our conversation the other day, I send you a little memorandum of any time, you'll not know — in kind I have never yet quite tender the bottom of the bag & J.A. never failed to get what he wanted with Jones hard steel ~~that I came~~ from sometime — As always hitch or now come along —

Learned in my anxious y/n shared see a large number of very strange silver formations picked from Lake Superior — He also has a book on "Geology Terrestrial Magnetism" is related to mineral formation —

Drop in when near in town. See them! — I may be yet & can make them! —

a summer trip together
I say Good today —
He speaks [illegible] which
get things straightened out
& thinks there must be a
general settlement
J. B. P. is likely to be
[illegible] with his whole
Bureau

J C Reiff

J C Reiff

make 60

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MANAGER FOR NEW JERSEY,

OFFICE: NO. 770 BROAD STREET.

Newark, Apl 29 1878

Thos A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

The party of gentlemen of whom I wrote some time since, will visit you on next Thursday P.M. They will leave here in Special Car at 3.30 o'clock.

Mr Murray states that this will be agreeable to you.

Yours truly
C. Leyenberger

C Spurlingen
Oct 78

Keep this in
my mind by
telling me
Wednesday
Evening

Washington, D.C.
April 29. 1878.

My dear Mr. Edison:-

This note will be presented to you by my Nephew Lieut. Philip Reade, U. S. A. who has been for the last three years engaged in building and operating a telegraph line for the Signal Service from Santa Fe' across the continent to San Diego. He is very much interested in telegraphic matters, is a good practical Electrician, and has given a good deal of attention to the telephone, and he is very anxious to see and talk with the first Electrician of the Country and the age, as whose friend I subscribe myself,

Yours truly,

B. M. Butler

Thos. A. Edison Esq.,
Menlo Park N. J.

P. H. Shaughness

Wappingers Falls N.Y.
April 29-78

Friend Edison

It struck me after reading so much of your wonderful achievements of late - that perhaps you might use me in some way to assist you in carrying out your grand schemes. You know that I have a better head for carrying out others inventions than making "one grand discovery myself" I am keeping a shoe store here and time to boot that I sick of it as this is a malaria district I am fast shaking the fever off which fever nagur - If you should have occasion for an assistant about my

P. H. Shaughness
Apr 29. 78

File Miscellaneous

Sir- I promise to never to lie in your likeness or tell any one that you wear a dirty shirt or got a black spot on the south east corner of your Nose

Now dont be so Eccentric and to offer me $10.000 a year as would demoralize sure

Yours Truly
F. Hankins

H. Chauncey Parlin

Stacyville Iowa Apr. 29th 1878.

Old Friend All.

I have been thinking for years that I would write to you, but supposing that your time is very valuable to you, and that you receive ten thousand letters a year from persons that you do not care to hear from, I have refrained from bothering you with my scrawl, but on reading an account of your latest inventions and especially your Phonograph, I thought I would take the liberty to write you, and to congratu-

late you on your unprecedented success, as an inventor, and to us who are not posted on science, it is simply wonderful: I have not heard much from you since we used to sell Papers and Pop Corn on the G.T.R.R. After I came out of the Army I went up to your home and had a very pleasant visit with your mother, (how I wish all she could have lived to see her little Boys achievements) she gave me some very good advice, for which I shall always feel grateful. From Michigan I came out to Iowa where I have been living ever since, I have been farming, with varied success, sometimes up sometimes down. This summer I intend going into Minnesota, on the St Paul and Pacific R.R. 150 Miles west of St Paul, where I have some land, and hope to do well there. I married 5 years ago, and have two bouncing Boys, that will be able to help me on the farm after a few years.

One thing more Alva and I am done, the citizens of our village are desirous of procuring one of your Phonographs, and would like to know the probable cost of the whole instrument; please let me hear from you on the

subject. May All I should be very happy to hear from you if you can find it convenient.

Hoping that such may be the case

I remain

Your Old Friend

H. Chauncey Parks

Stacyville

Mitchell Co

Iowa

J. T. MURRAY,
MANUFACTURER OF
TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS,
NOS. 10 & 12 WARD STREET,

Newark, N. J., April 29th 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Sir
Newark Bord of Trade & Several other Gentlemen friend will visit your laboratory on Thursday May 2nd at 3 - Oclock on special car and will be pleased to see you Hon W. H. Kirk will be one of the party do pray for him on Phonograph on that occasion as he needs it very much — oblige

Yours truly
J. T. Murray

Many thanks for the notes check he dont want Machinery Movers till notes are paid but will make Rent. $3.60 per year with Power

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS, 145 BROADWAY.

J. R. Newman
Apr 29

New York, Apl 29 1878.

P. O. Box 3027.

Mr. Edison

Please do not forget your promise to go out to Mt St. Vincent (13 miles up Hudson River) on Decoration Day, Thursday May 30 - your wife and children to accompany you and all to take dinner at the Mount, or at least your wife and children. There are two or three trains in morning including one at 11 a.m. also train at 1 p.m.

Everything be done to make visit exceedingly pleasant.

I see the papers are full of you now. The article in today's Sun is highly interesting and I included items from it in this morning's press report.

The item in the Pittsburgh Telegraph was made up from a Times Washington Special but Mr. Clarke the U.A.P. agt. at Washington also made up a dispatch about your visit. I have telegraphed two or three reports about investigations since I saw you last. They appeared all over the country. Yours truly

James K. Keenan.

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# THE GRAPHIC COMPANY.

New York, April 29. 1878

My Dear Edison:-

The Board, Mr. McDonnell, & the Secretary of the New Jersey Association. They entertain the correct opinion that you are something of a credit to the state and they wish to "recognize" you some how. Surrender to them at discretion, and get used to it — it's the best way, for to that complexion must you come at last!

Yours very truly

Geo. A. Croffut.

U.H. Painter

W-4-29-30

My Joe,

I enclose you two more Photo's - How do you like them? I have promised Brady that you will not sit to anyone else at present & give him a chance to keep your pictures out of the market! He sends 50 to Johnson to-morrow & 50 more daily for few days. I can secure you a royalty of 25 per ct on their sale which will count up fast = If you don't let others "take" you - One man estimates 100.000 will be sold this summer - I am going to ship Ida to London & Paris in few days

2

We put the Phono into stock Lo Saturday at $600.000 you get $30.000 of it. & we have an ~~order~~ application for nine of it at 50 cts on dollar - If the stock is going to be good you receipts will be immense!

We expect to merge for 1000 public exhibitions in next 90 days! It goes daily! I saw by C.A. Dana Sunday night in Johnson show & helped fill him up! He has it now bad! Business pin to see you!!

was sorry to miss you
Sunday, was busy helping
organize & push Photobing
all day!

Brady was with Barnum
on "Tom Thumb," & made
150000 photos for him of Tom!
so you see he understands it —
Will send you boys one
framed Wednesday —
I think the side one is
superb. Johnson was very
much pleased with it, says
this is the finest picture of Edison
he has ever seen —
Who is the Telephone? Stager tells



me today that Phelps
has the big thing now!
Beats all the rest — Edison
would even steal — for a
boy! big magnet! big disk!
big thing & more such rot!
There is no doubt but
that Phelps is now
dominant! Bromley was
sir down on by all hands —
Yr. the extension you
wanted this am. & so
wired you —
Yrs
W. H. Rinn

Did you see Sunday Herald?
Pay fell into line!
W. H. R.

Enfield Conn. (1876)

Thos. A. Edison

Have written you can you arrange with me as per letter what price? Telegraph answer.

S. P. French.

C.

R.

Mar 30, 18

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

~~BOOT MEMORIAL HALL,~~

~~64 MADISON AVENUE,~~

~~(P. O. Box 5756)~~

308. W. 47th St.

New-York, April 30th 1878.

Thomas A. Edison Esqre

Dear Sir,

I have just finished translating into the Russian language, your paper on the phonograph in the North American Review, for two newspapers — at Odessa and St Petersburg, of which, I am correspondent. This publication will, I know, excite a profound interest, the more so, as what has appeared in the Russian papers until now, has been a mass of absurdities.

I know that, I will undoubtedly be applied to for information, as to the terms upon which the instrument can be bought. So, the object of my present note is, to ask you, to kindly inform me, what are the wholesal and retail prices of the instruments and where they can be procured. I will send this information along with my MS., so that the public may be informed from the start. Please, do not for a moment think, that I have any personal interest to serve, or that my inquiry is suggested by any commercial consideration. Now, that you are a "Fellow" of our Society, which is more than proud of having its new son — it is alike the duty and pleasure of every "Fellow" to look after your interests and reputation in every practicable way. I for one, have been trumpeting you from the White Sea to Persia.

Believe me yours fraternally

H. P. Blavatsky.

Corresponding Secty of Th. Th. Society

Edison:

Menlo Park N.J.

France started on - posted letter

Pucker

9 paris.

Nobbie
May or abt 78

[FROM STOCKTON L. GRIFFIN]

Elg May 1st 98

Friend Tom

Look at this item and weep. Perhaps thats an effort of Jim Ashleys to crush you

[redacted]

Mr. B. Dalgoma—Celebrated Cow's Company will [illegible] ... PERSONAL: CHIP-CHAT. [illegible] ... Eulton wears a tattered and disreputable [illegible] ... The King of Portugal is translating "The Harbour of Marsa."

Montreal
May 1st/78

Dear Edison

I suppose you thought I had become resolved into primal gas by this time, but I have set far held on to the combination of molecules called Badger, waiting to see your telephone perfected before I dissolve. How are you getting along with it? I saw a paragraph in the "Journal of the Tel." showing the improvements you have made therein. I hope the Phonograph (although it is a big thing) will not take up all your time and at-

Yr Sincerely
J. B. Badger

tention. By the way can you find me a Phonograph apparatus to exhibit here? If so I will put it through and make what we can with it, and remit to you such portion of proceeds as you consider satisfactory. Please do what you can in this direction and also send some of the improved telephones so I can do something in that direction.

A reply will oblige

Yrs. &c.

T. W. Barger

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MANAGER FOR NEW JERSEY,

OFFICE: NO. 770 BROAD STREET.

Newark, May 1st 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

All the Members of "Easy Club" will visit you tomorrow. Don't fail to be on hand. All want to see you, as well as your inventions

Yours truly
C. Leyenberger

W-5-Nov-1-78

My dear

Yours of 4-30 to hand. You wrote "Kurtz" - I suppose you meant "Beery" - I mail you to-night proofs of the Telegraph will here some good news done to-morrow -

I mail you a copy of paper with account of the Phelps Research beaten to hell & gone just off as the "Edison & Phelps Combination" - What liars & dead beats - You will see a raid made on them before long that will close them up!! The trap is nearly ready to be sprung!!!

2

I had talk with P.J. Barnum has shown me your letter & invited him to call & see you at Menlo which he will do! Says you are "a wonderful man & etc" He is going to put in a bid for the Phono' on Saturday to exhibit in all over U.S. in show by itself. I told him about your machine to talk hole through a board! When will you have it made?

It makes me sick to see a blackmailer & dead beat fatten at your expense. Is it not possible for you to escape! I see that Green says they give all it is worth, what a lie!! What did you do to Phono? Send me piece of Electrotype -

I got Roach to give an order for a Phono to send by his new steamer to Don Pedro on Saturday. Wrote him to fix up in nice box & tin case! Gave Eddy a price for Brazil & I think I can help himself it if it takes!

Will you be in my Study?

Brady painted 300 more today. Sends them to London & Paris by steamer Saturday

W H Paine

How is saxophone coming on?

W H P

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dr. Sir!

Bliss undertook the following:

1st He wants the Rotary Press.

2nd He wants the interest in the Phonograph put into definite shape.

3rd He wants the agency for the Phonograph at Chicago and Freely.

4th He wants you to see him through on these things.

Will let you hear from me.

Respfly

Geo. H. Bliss

N.Y. May 1. 78

NY May 1. 78.

Dear Jack

Thus end. I have not made a raise, but when you intimated you needed some money I set to work to relieve you & found a place where I could get it if you needed it –
You know we promised each other years ago, we would stick by each other –
I have been steadfast & true to my word –
Lines is either at U P office or McBelden Bro.
Come see me before you act as I can give you some necessary information to guide you.
Some strange things are at work in connection with W.U.

Yr JCR

our cases in U.S.
Circuit Court likely
to come up next
week under a new
order of business fixed
by new judge

Jos. McKibben

C. F. Richard
May 2. 78

Miss

C.F. Ritchel (?)

Philadelphia
May 2 - 1878.

Prof Thos A. Edison.
Dear Sir.

I send you by this mail a copy of the Phila Press, containing an article on an invention of mine wherein I am made to say that I am acquainted with you. For fear that you might see the article and wonder at the remark I try to explain that what I did say to the "Reporter" was that I knew you well when we were both boys and at the time you published your little newspaper on the train twixt Port Huron and Detroit. I also said that I would very much like to

Meet you again &c.

Very Respectfully
C. T. Ritchie.

Jersey City May 2.

T. A. Edison

Will it suit for our party to come to morrow P.M.? Please answer

M. E.

Jersey City May 2

T. A. Edison.

If you are not there will Mr. Batchelor be there as we can come to morrow on three Oclock train.

M. E.

A.E.

Menlo Park May 2 -

M. Ettinger Jersey City

All right any time

T. A. Edison

A.E.

Jersey City

T. A. Edison

Have secured berth on train No. 23 in Car No. 161 will try and get it to stop at Menlo for you, will advise you soon.

M. E.

A.E.

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*General Agency, 537 Broadway, New York.*

*May 2d 1878.*

Dear Mr Edison:-

Poor soul! my heart goes out to you in your afflictions.

Jonas Phillips

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(1878)

Mr Edison — Magnolia Iowa.

Have written and telegraphed. Can you make arrangements as per letter what price. Telegraph if not then operator forward.

F. M. French.

John H. Porter
Grosvenor P. Lowrey
Geo. Wales Green
Chas. Thomas Stone
George S. Hamilton

P.O. Box 1836

Porter, Lowrey, Green & Stone,
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,
No. 3 Broad Street, (DREXEL BUILDING.)
New York, May 2 1878

My dear Edison

I am on my legs again, and my wife is doing unexpectedly well.

These two items of personal intelligence being out of the way, I write to say that I should like to see you if you come in town to-morrow or Saturday, to discuss a matter in which, if I am right in my understanding of the matter, the Western Union Company has no interest.

Mr Miller in conversation a few days ago gave me some additional light upon the probable relations which would have existed between yourself & Mr Orton in respect to the foreign patents for the telephone & phonograph — I am very desirous if possible to secure for Mr Orton family any valuable interest that I can; and if those foreign matters are in a situation in which you can properly talk with me about them, I think I can very nearly supply what Mr Orton would have given in the way of financial support, & partially what he would have given in the way of general services.

John H. Porter
Governeur P. Lowrey
Jno. Hicks Stone
Ch. Barnes Stone
George S. Hamilton

# Porter, Lowrey, Soren & Stone,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

No. 3 Broad Street, (DREXEL BUILDING.)

New York, _____ 187_

P.O. Box 1836. 2

I appreciated + realised the unlimited importance of the phonograph before how did; + shall never cease to regret that it does not accompany your telephone in this country: + if I can point out a way in which without impairing your interest, I can add something to the means of support of those children, to whom all my great love for their father has turned — I shall be more pleased than I shall venture to express

Please consider this strictly confidential, for I should not wish to be thought too sentimental but be prepared to talk to me when we meet upon this subject —

Very Yr Ob Svt
Governeur P. Lowry.

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
N.J.

1 P.M.

Friday May 31 1878.

Dear Edith

I have some
[illegible] of unfortunate
[illegible], and shall be
here [illegible] and
remain [illegible] your
[illegible] time if I find
that you come up.

Yours

H. C. M.

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N. J.

My Dear Sir

I have to thank you for your esteemed favor of the 22 April; and I have thought to say that, should you not be in town on Friday next I shall probably do far presume upon your courtesy as to visit your laboratory with a friend for the purpose of a brief inspection of your phonograph in which

so much humbug in both is
contrived. And I am

Yours faithfully
M. H. Bright
Ex. Chm at Work.

New York
May 3. 1878.

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MANAGER FOR NEW JERSEY,

OFFICE: NO. 770 BROAD STREET.

Newark, May 23 1878

Friend Edison,

I hardly know how to thank you, for your kind attention yesterday.

Col. Woods very appropriatively expressed the sentiments of the whole party.

If at any time you suggest a way in which I may serve you, it will afford me pleasure to be on hand.

Very Truly Yours

C. Leyenberger

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New York, May 3d 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir,

I desire to see you on a matter of business. Do you intend coming in New York during the coming week, and if so will you be kind enough to advise me when and where I can see you. If you are not coming to the City, or than not the time to make any appointment with me I shall do myself the pleasure of calling upon you at Menlo Park. My business will require but a few minutes.

Yours most respectfully
E. A. Maginnis

Direct care Sturtevant House

GU34

[illegible]

[illegible]

me to make an appointment
if you cannot refer to the
Photograph Dec CH Chase
Telephone Cafo 203 Broadway

If to Telephone refer you to
the Co Company if [illegible]
I will be at the Laboratory if
I do not call at the Elite Pen
after 20 new Church st
before 2 O'clock

Yours [illegible]

E. O. Hoffman
Mar. 3. 78

There were about 30 more could not come on the last the train —

J. T. MURRAY,
MANUFACTURER OF
TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS,
NOS. 10 & 12 WARD STREET.

Newark, N. J., May 5th 1878

T. A. Edison Esq

Those few Visitors were delighted with your Entertainment and several of them come to me and asked me if you could be induced to return to Newark in reply I said if committee of solid Men would meet and make proper proposal to you you would Entertain them and I said also that Newark could afford to be liberal in making such offer to get you back here as your fame was not local you were looked on in France and England as the wonder of the age they all agreed with me and said they would act at my suggestion and will call see me at my place if so what shall I say to them Truly Murray

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New York, May 3 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N J

Dear Sir

One of our customers writes for an "Aerophone" is there anything to be done for such a person?
Another writes for the price of "Edisons improved Telephone" will these be for sale?

Yours Truly
M. W. Goodyear

J. T. MURRAY,
MANUFACTURER OF
TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS,
NOS. 10 & 12 WARD STREET.

Newark, N. J., May 4 1878

T A Edison Esq

Sir

several of those men were solid and wish to have you as citizen so that Newark may have the fame of one so great and some talk of making you nice laboratory and house in some fine location when they call B-ee me I want B say B them this Gentlemen if you want Mr Edison B return he may Entertain your proposal based on $40.000 or $50.000 property or its equivalent B return as citizen I think they can afford it — as B Mr Kirk he is right $950 or $1100 in all one note should be $250 he is determined B have it — after all the rent he receives from us I suppose he would be Easy with me

first you paid him

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Check April 6. | $200 |
| | Check " 26 | 250 |
| 1 Month | Note | 200 |
| 2 " | " | 200 |
| 3 " | " | 200 |
| | | $1050 |

Should be $1100

if you have any work
for me to do I should like
it I am near bustid
Could I get tilphone from
W. U. B Make

Scovill Manufacturing Co.
419 & 421 Broome Street
New York, May 4, 1878

Prof Edison

Dear Sir

The N.Y. World of to-day states that you were looking for a Photographic Material Establishment in the vicinity of Park Row or Beekman St and presuming that as we were formerly located at 38 Park Row & 4 Beekman St, that you would go to find our house, we enclose herewith an envelope printed with our address & will thank you to send us a copy of your Catalogue with prices of your Telephones

Yours Truly
Scovill Mfg Co

OFFICE OF

# A. H. Eaton,

CHEMIST.

MANUFACTURER OF PRISMS, SPECTROSCOPES, ETC.,

65 HENRY STREET.

Brooklyn, N. Y., May 4th 1878

Dear Colonel

I put to the office for 20" Clark & a 3 inch Telescope for Pic east area. It is of course a much better instrument for observing the transits of Mercury than yours would be of perhaps. This instrument is unfinished but will answer for perception. The eye piece has attached to the instrument has the sun glass cap attached, which must be removed and

replicant by the eye
that is done up in the
package containing the
terrestrial eye piece, when
ever the telescope is used
except upon the sun.
This telescope will show
the appearance of Polaris
with the lowest power
eye piece, even in its
present unfinished state.

Yours &c

A. H. Clark

New York. May 6/78.

Friend Edison. I hope that you are having a good time with Mercury today and expect that you will work some thing new out of the show.

Lucky that your eyes are all right. How about your Theatre enterprise? Do you also "draw Congressman Pay." You ought to if "constantly engaged".

I was sorry that you did not come into the Sun Office when you came to the City on Saturday. You remember you said you would be up early and see me before going to D.C.

I had some things "picked up" and "otherwise" through the week - Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that I wished to say to you - I heard of you at Mrs 10's at 1 Pm and happened to be in Broad St. when you and "G. P." were looking for the new Elevator entrance

I presume that all went well. On Saturday I rec'd a letter from Kenny saying that he had been quite sick since Monday. I will try to see him today.

I send this by "Mea" – hope he will be able to go to Australia and do well for you both.

Remember that I am in the market here for anything new that is coming along – that I can run for our mutual benefit in your way and mine. Try Kenny "Boss" in the Phonograph. Yours

Madden

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York May 6th 1878

Received at

To T. A. Edison

If you will be at home Wednesday morning I will come out with a party of five or Six by Eight o'clock train answer

Geo. Walker

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., 5-6, 187[illegible]

My Dear

I got here Sunday night & had to stay over Sunday in N.Y. - met Riff last night & asked him when he would send me that paper? He replied that he could not do it as, "Edison wants it put in Mr Wright's hands" - I said I ~~to~~ guess not & which he got quite huffy, said he very often heard things about Mr Edison's dissatisfaction with him, & when he saw him he found there was nothing in it &c. I said, all right you just go ahead, & let's see what comes of it - Mr Wright is

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of Drexel Bro. one of Riff's backers - creditors & they held some mortgage bonds of the automatic tel' co, which they thought & now think covers the Patents - You may continue to drive cows into his fence to be milked or mangled for the benefit of his creditors while the rest are hungry, but I will not — I am weary of his dreaming! I am done planning phantoms for him -

Now about your new things with a disappearance &c - will you agree to let Johnson & I have the first chance on them to market on your terms? This will get you more money than though contracted to pass ~~to~~ them

in for any sum that you would ask for annual expenses. If you agree to this you can say to Cheever that he will get a chance at them before they are asked. Let me know at once if you will agree to this!

I will see Sam about that as soon as ~~you~~ he comes over. How long will you agree to stay there if he grants any of those powers? For many months to come you labouring to some place where you have more facilities for getting in tools & moving machinery machinists &c? Confidence mos?

Yours W. Bainbridge

FROM THE LABORATORY OF
T. A. EDISON,
MENLO PARK, N. J.
U. S. A.

Friend Hannaford

May 7 - 78

One Martin Brown has written me saying that he worked for me years ago in Wilsons Lane and that I owe him $11. dollars Do you know him, and is it likely that I owe it

Yours Truly

Thomas A Edison.

George L. Newton

Chicago Ills.
May 7th 1878

T. A. Edison Esqr
Dr Sir

Your old friend Newton congratulates you on your success - Every paper I read has some favorable remarks on your wonderful invention - and even the minister in his sermon last Sunday mentioned your name and your invention by the side of Sir Isaac Newton; and considered your discovery worthy of being catalogued with Newton's discovery of the law of gravitation - Dr sir

remember the time when Burns you and I went to Cambridge (near Boston) to get the contract for their fire alarm - and they would not give it to us because they had no confidence in your ability to perform what you proposed = I guess we could that contract now - if they wanted one ———

Poor Burns - I am sorry he died - he would have made his mark as a lawyer if he had lived. But he worked all night and studied all day - which carried him into his grave -- I never felt the loss of any one not a relative. so much as I did his — —

I notice in the papers you are getting a motor for sewing machines &c &c to run by electricity — — Two years ago I was interested in a motor invented by a Mr Wilcox of Indiana. the power was furnished by a spring. winding up - we tried springs made by the Seth Thomas Clock Co - also some made in Pittsburg. but finally gave it up - as not practical — We should have sold it to a prominent sewing machine firm - they desiring the control of it, so that it could be used only on their machines - giving their machine thereby a great advantage over others. had we succeeded in perfecting it - A motor that is O. K. would bring a Million —

I notice Adams's name in the papers also - is this the Adams who owned

with us in Exeter Place Boston
If so, give him my regards.
Edison. I would like
to get a line from you - I
shall probably remain here
a month or so longer - and
then shall come east - May
stop a while in New York
if so will run out and see
you -

Respectfully Yours
Geo L. Newton

Menlo Park
May 7-1878

Write very Chas Fowler welcome better
as I expect to go to my wife Thursday
Yours

Newark N.J.
May 7/78

Thos A Edison Esq

If convenient to you I will bring my party of ladies down on Thursday next to see your wonderful Phonograph - Please be at home if possible, as the ladies wish very much to see "Baby Phonographs" Father

We expect to come on the Joint train from Troy which will bring us to Menlo Park at about 4.20 PM

Hoping it will be agreeable to you & thanking you for the privilege I am Very Truly

Silas C. Haley

P.S. If Thursday is stormy we will come on Friday if pleasant

S.C.H.

Wm H. Kirk
May 7.

Newark May 7th 1891

Thos A Edison Esq
Dear Sir
Mrs Acme
Containing note for 250 today,
I return enclosed the original,
Yours

Wm H Kirk

"City of Chester"

RESIDENT DIRECTOR IN EUROPE
GEORGE E. GOURAUD.

NEW YORK CITY U.S.A.
120 BROADWAY

The Mercantile Trust Company
6, Lombard Street, E.C.
Corner of St. Swithin's Lane.

London 7 May. 1878.

Mr. T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
New Jersey.

Dear Sir,

I have been only one day in London; consequently, have nothing very special to advise you. I have not yet succeeded in finding Prosser - and Mr. Adams writes me that he is confined to his bed on account of a severe attack of pleurisy. I shall go to see him this afternoon and deliver the telephones which I only found in my state-room together with copy of your Experimental Contract with W. W. You omitted to send copy of your Contract with the London Stereoscopic Co. which you were good enough to say you would give me - You had hardly time for all this probably - but I shall hope to receive it by next post.

I shall make a point of seeing the Alderman at the earliest possible moment - and have already taken measures for the information you desire concerning him and the Stereoscopic Co. I enclose you a press copy of your letter to Messrs Smith Fleming for your files,

And remain, Very sincerely yours with best wishes

[signature]

Latter.

I have just had a long interview with Prace to whom I handed the telephones at the request of Edisons - Prace is much concerned for the safety of your patents both for telephones and phonographs - which he says are so badly drawn as to leave them pretty exposed to infringement - that he has written to you something to this effect already to which he should have had some reply - He advises your cabling me immediately upon receipt of this, your authority to place the said patents in suitable hands here for re-arrangement to meet the requirements under the English law - He seems to feel that unless this is done at once they are sure to be rendered valueless by action which some body proved to be tempted to take - Direct see Kottage and give him the benefit of this information so that he may take the necessary measures to protect the phonograph - I shall also communicate with Preece if I can find him - but have not yet succeeded in ~~obta~~ ascertaining his whereabouts -

GES

Geo. H. Ellis, Genl Mgr.
ELECTRIC PEN
DUPLICATING PRESS
220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago

May 7th 1873

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park. N. J.

Dear Sir:

I learned nothing new at Phila. Bentley seemed to think Phelps was disposed to lay down on the Carbon telephone and he probably could and that he all he possibly could did not induce you to press it along. At Washington I said McKenzie and Moale Pres. the offer. It is not improbable that he will go to Menlo Park to ask your aid. Vice. I am informed that my offer of that case is accepted and expect the Keller from Buffalo but nothing special. I think Paris is despisd in the Exposition matter and inclined to shut him out from any courtesy. I am sorry to hear this for Buffalo has had some valuable experience. Buffalo says he has plenty to do without attempting to run the exposition one in any event he will do all in his

Geo. H. Reiss, Genl Mgr.

OFFICE OF THE ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago 1872

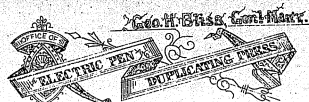
Power to assist Matters, since coming here several of the parties who applied for Phonograph have wanted to form a combination. At first this struck me favorably but on reflection I broke out. Too many cooks spoil the broth — they want to use it in connection with his lecture. F. W. Jones wants to tax Robert the Phonograph man has the thing he can arrange these matters or get the most money out in some other way. I think my claim is good but if the Phono. people have got from above in a bad way and decide against me I shall not good providing you see me through on the royalty matter.

Respectfully

Geo. H. Reiss

Genl Manager

Geo. H. Ellis, Genl. Mgr.




220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago May 9th 1873

N. A. E.

If that inquiry about stock & is to be sent better do so right away.

Things are not here since my return.

S. H. R.

Geo. H. Ellis, Genl Mgr.

ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago May 7th 1872

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Sir;

I send you copy of the Tribune which contains the Report written by me at Menlo Park. Pub. Wished last Saturday in also send copy of Tribune of Sunday which contains an extract from French papers saying you had sold your self to a large telegraph Co. which keeps you at a fixt salary, has a guard always watching you and every time you become absorbed in thought stirs you up to know what is in your mind. That is what I call rich! Col. Wilson, Col Rynch, Prof. Gray, Summers, Dubb, & the two Jones have been too much for me. Acting under expectation of

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220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago 1872

getting a Phonograph they had hired a Hall & made extensive arrangements to exhibit. They are all personal friends of mine and I could not afford to be mean about the matter under the circumstances. I agreed if Emil Stoger represented to the Phonograph people that the several interests had harmonized on me to put the thing into a hool with the rest and go in for all there is to be made. I will take good care that the thing goes off in reasonable shape if awarded to me. This is of the exhibition programme only. I dont lay up on my claim to the permanent agency.

Respfly
Geo. H. Ellis
Emil Mon.

The instrument completely finished in the best style with 3 astronomical and 1 terrestrial eye pieces, and mounted on a tripod in the ordinary manner will be $100, - but an "equatorial" mounting from $20. to $40. more

A. K. E.

[May 8]

My Dr Sir  Wn DC - 5-8-78

You see by this the effect of putting your Carbon infant to nurse with your enemies! The result can be but the one - I have been reading the Journal of the Telegraph & feel quite indignant at the studied ignoring of you as the inventor of Quad! The knave who edits it thinks that Orton indeed a Quad to keep up like he wanted with a dinner,

We have secured Redfield to boss the show big! a big thing! I am for chopping as often as we can do better!

The Phonomotor has not come!

Yr W Painter

W-5-9-78

Dear

Be sure & put in your application for Phonomotor a claim that by means of it you can wind up a clock -

Drop me a line about the Reif. Mfgr matter & the future Mfrig or new Dispersion thing —

Yr
W. Painter

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A. B. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Jan

To Jim

Rec'd at Western Union Building, BROADWAY AND DEY STREET.

May 9 1878

If you desire Can shoot you Cable Msg from Paris going to Mark & Co. Can you come up to the Door

Griff

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

May 9. 1878

Friend Tom,

I am afraid I can't join you before June 1st Unless you care going to be seriously inconvenienced by my not coming. Eight days is pretty short notice to give where one has worked so long as I have. It would be pleased to hear from you, and will abide by whatever you say.

My retirement from the office is making a commotion.

Yrs Cliff

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, May 9th 1878

My dear E.

Please advise me when you expect to be in town. I will see you specially. Unless to a bet period of time —

Yr JCR

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, May 9th, 1878.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

My Dear Sir — I have sent 100 copies of the enclosed Farm Letter to papers scattered in the West and South. If you choose to give the enclosed to a New Jersey paper do so, and leave a copy sent to me.

Please remember me to Mr Carman and his boys. Met the general at the Agt Dept yesterday. Have written to Mr Edison to know if the expense for the "talking clock" will be distinct from that for the Phonograph — the latter having been already arranged for St Louis.

Yours truly, W. Jones

[ENCLOSURE]

# United States Senate Chamber,

## Washington,

1870

Copy

To whom it may concern—

I know Prof J. L. Tracy as a gentleman of culture and marked ability, who has devoted much time and labor, especially through the Press, in promoting the best interests of Missouri and the whole Western country. I would commend him to the favorable acquaintance and good will of all, especially of those who are interested in the advancement of the public welfare.

Q. A. Armstrong
F. M. Cockrell.

We heartily concur in the above endorsement of Prof. Tracy and warmly commend his able advocacy of our material interests through the public press.

T. T. Crittenden
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Nathan Cole
Anthony Ellmer
L. L. Metcalfe
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John B. Clark Jr.
J. M. Glover
A. P. Bland
H. M. Pollard
C. J. Saunders
R. A. Hatcher
S. H. Ruckner

[ENCLOSURE]

Dear Sir:

The within document tendered to me by the Missouri delegation in Congress, explains the nature of my correspondence, which is designed to be more the reflector of opinions than the vehicle of news. Being here as chief of one of our Senators my Congressional friends have asked and encouraged me to write a series of letters referring specially to Western and Southern interests. If you, in kindness, send your letters to "J. L. Tracy, care of Senator A. H. Armstrong, Washington, D.C." and I will receive, furnish letters upon various subjects, asserting only your good will, no confidences.

Yours truly

J. L. Tracy

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NEW YORK, May 9 1878

Thos A Edison Esq
Menlo Park

DEAR SIR:

We are now engaged in revising our "Book of Commercial Reports" for our next semi-annual volume, and being earnestly desirous that your name should appear with all possible correctness, we take the liberty to enclose this blank, which, if agreeable to your wishes, we should be pleased to have you fill out with the desired particulars, giving us also the names of such *responsible references as may be needed to corroborate the same*, that we may assign the proper rating or grade of credit. We do not publish the details herein desired, but use them as the *basis of our report*, from which we deduce the rating.

We assure you that the request arises from no unworthy or impertinent motive, but is intended simply as an act of courtesy and justice to yourself.

In similar institutions to our own, it has been customary to rely entirely upon information gained from other sources than the person or firm concerning whom information is desired. It seems proper to us that such person should be privileged to speak in his own behalf, and of making such statement as they may desire, and give such references as have knowledge of their pecuniary responsibility, and thus correct any errors which prejudice or want of knowledge on the part of those applied to might otherwise give.

Trusting to hear from you, we remain,

Yours, very respectfully,

THE J. M. BRADSTREET & SON COMPANY.

per Tracy

16 Broad St
Monday

Friend Edison

I have mentioned a trip to your place to Preece, he says he shall be very pleased to have a day with you. I will let you know when he is ready & we will come down together. I have your last journal, shall I send it by mail to Menlo Park or will you call here if in town. also Batchelor's is he at Newark or with you? –

Truly yrs
F G Ward

Thos A Edison Esq

James R. Hogan

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS, 145 BROADWAY.

New York, May 10, 1878

P. O. Box 5037.

Mr. Edison:

Please do not forget your engagement for Decoration Day, Thursday, May 30, at Mt. St. Vincent, thirteen miles up the Hudson by railroad from the depot W. 30th St. bet. 9th and 10th Ave. You are expected ~~are expected~~ to bring your wife and children and any friends you wish to invite. You and your assistants with company are desired in the morning and for dinner, to prepare for the exhibition of your inventions, inspect the magnificent academy, stroll through the grounds, see Edwin Forrest's famous castle and the museum and visit the house of Mr. Morosini (Mr. Jay Gould's secretary) about fifty yards from the Mount gate. Mr. M. has a rare collection of curiosities which he wishes you to look at.

He has a beautiful place and will entertain you nicely. At the Mount there may be some grand music if time permits.

At the exhibition of your inventions there will be present representatives of the New York and National Associated Presses, the City and Metropolitan Presses, the New York newspapers and special correspondents of Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, San Francisco, Canadian and other papers. You might invite Mr. Amos Cummings, of the Sun, to accompany you in the morning. The other journalists will not leave until 1 p.m. The 28th being such a holiday its feature in the news line outside of the regular Decoration doings may be your layout.

If not asking too much, to have an exhibition of your speaking and musical telephones and electric pen as well as the phonograph – the more, you know, the better under the circumstances. It would be well to have a fair description of each instrument or machine for all the reporters to copy from. If I had the description in time I could have

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New York, 187

P. O. Box 2031.

thirty copies of each made on manifold or with the electric pen in order to save work for the newspaper men.

All expenses, fare, expressage, help, &c. will be paid by me. I will accompany your party to the Mount and remain with it until the return to the city.

I see Mr. Griffin, our old western friend, every day now. I understand he will be with you after the 15th. I have been explaining things to him. He and his company will be with us.

Several days ago, April 29, the Sun had a splendid article on your inventions and I hurriedly made the enclosed dispatch from it. Want of time and telegraphic facilities prevented doing much better, although I

had already pretty well covered up the subject in previous dispatches. The wires on april 29 could not accommodate the matter on hand in the morning. Twoo or three trains leave for the Mount on the morning of the 30th, including one from the Grand Central Depot. Your party is expected on the 11 a.m. train from 30th St if it can not start earlier. All other persons take the one o'clock train. It takes 40 minutes to get to the Mount from 30th St, and a little less from 42d St. I will write again and send time table.

Yours truly,
James K Keenan

New York May 11.

T. A. Edison

Please call and see me when you come to the city.

Jno. Van Horne.

A. L. C.

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Mgr.

OFFICE OF "ELECTRIC PEN" & "DUPLICATING PRESS."

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago May 11 1872

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir,

Stager took my W.E. Stock off from my hands today. I have resigned my position as director. It is possible that I may continue nominally some years at a time. More if the other matters explained to you can be cleared up matters will begin to shape themselves. Please don't neglect the special form which I asked of you. When the Phonograph people make me their agent to exhibit and sell they should stipulate that the agency shall not be transferred in any way. It is better than to be in a lot of fellows who want to make glory for themselves. The thing don't want a Hydra head.

Respectfully

Geo. H. Bliss

Newyork May 11/78

Dear Mr Edison—

I have agreed to give a sort of lecture on telegraph matters to a young peoples society of a church in Brooklyn. Am going to exhibit telephone &c. &c. and would like very much to close all by showing a Phonograph—

Could you loan me one for a few days and are you willing to do so? I shall be very glad if you can & will for it will give much pleasure to a number of people whom I am quite anxious to oblige— I will be obliged if you will answer as early as possible— As my arrangements depend somewhat on your yes or no—

Yours truly

Myron McPhelps Jr

T A Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Wm Batchelor

Myron McPhelps
May 11 -78

Early acquaintance
F. A. Hanaford

Somerville May 12th 1878

Friend Edison

Yours of February
I was out of town and did
not get it promptly
In regard to Mr Madison
Brown I had such a boy
with me when I was
William Lane but there
is nothing due him to my
knowledge and I don't
think it at all likely that
you owe him any money.
From the very fact of his
signing himself 22 Cmo
Otherwise he is a Quaker
Yours truly F. A. Hanaford
155 Elliott St Somerville
Mass

[FROM W. ST. GEORGE ELLIOTT]

New Brighton Staten Island
Box 150. May 13 1874

Dear Sir

As I expect to leave N.Y. for Valparaiso South America on the 31st I should be glad to see you before I go. As I have heard of your Microscope Laboratory, I would like to see it. With many expressions of regret I am

Yours Truly
W. St. George Elliott M.D.

INSURANCE

**William F. Parker,**

746 & 748 Broad Street,

ESTABLISHED 1861.

Newark, N. J., May 19th 1887

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have been requested by a number of gentlemen of this City to write you and ascertain if it would be convenient for you to exhibit the Telephone and other inventions of yours at your factory on Thursday or Friday of this week if not this week, on the following week.

Please inform & state how the trains run from this City to Fa.

Yrs W. F. Parker

Milt E. Adams

St. Paul May 13 1878

Friend Tom

I expect it will astonish you considerably to hear from me after such a great lapse of time but this will inform you I am still on the "Ball" by accident I saw your name in a paper published in New York at having invented an improvement on the Telephone and resolved to write you for there is a fine opening in South America for all kind of improved electrical apparatus and my idea is as follows if your machine is practicable there is a good beginning to be made here in Brazil but I having a knowledge of the language and people can make a success of it. I am at present in this city in business but my residence is in Rio Janeiro where I shall be shortly so if you write or think me can arrange things I shall be glad to hear from you. Write me giving all particulars of your invention and what they will cost. I have not been to the States since 1870 somewhat hard on date eh Tom? dont know your address so will make this short. Love to all the boys in Boston & York

Yours Truly
Milt E. Adams
Rio de Janeiro

Dont give my house number as they know it but your answer will get me either.

Brooklyn
May 13 78
Coburn
Acad x Dat Check
for $5

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DEC

156 Greenwich St.
Brooklyn May 13th 1878

T. A. Edison
Dear Sir

Knowing your peculiarities for no body letters and a dislike to long conversations I will make my letter short as possible. I intended to go and see you, but thought best to write at the present. My Husband has been disabled for over three years with a fractured Elbow x now about to have it amputated has been confined to the bed for over two weeks with a large difficulty which makes it much worse I thought would solicit alms from you temporary, even but little, it would be a great

help. My Husband Andrew D. Osborn you will remember was in your employ nearly two years, as Inspector & Post Keeper on Raile-Road Av - Newark N.J. My health you will remember never was very good, & in trying to work & keeping my family together I am entirely broken down. My Husband would be only too glad to see you - if you could spare time to come.

If you can & will assist me, it will be much appreciated -

I remain

Yours with Respect -

Mrs. A.D. Osborn,

"We are in perfectly destitute circumstances!"

Form 10.

# THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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Dated Savannah May 2 Rec'd at Chicago May 4 1878.

To Thos Edison

Dear Sir I am told the Paper Cutter now at Murray's Shop belongs to you Is this correct How much will you take for it Please reply

Yours &c J Carey.

Van Elteck, Clark & Co., Printers, 18 Tacy Street, N. Y.

Wed 6-5-13-7P

My Son -

Yours of 5/2 to hand -

Hurrah for the Telephone. We see the letter in the morn promptly to the Mass!

It will work & believe it will if you say so there money in it, a heap! A big run. It will be reduced! Things - you had some Pimbo of E & S - I did you to take what you wanted! I mail with this 18 - I sent 13 boys Photos to try get 2 of those if you have run - one for Batch -

We have the show big started in pod shape - The



best men in the country & manage it - We will have 100 machines sold inside of 14 days @ $8.00 each & 60 to 70 chairs running on the shares !!

How comes on the Phono?

If you don't let up on J C R, on that I'll give you half what we get out of it!

Poor Henry died to-day! He has been so ill to see anyone for some time! I wanted to have got a letter from him on the Phono & you!

Get up Petition application for Telephone right away!

Phonomotion will come yet! and if Photos come O.K. - I'll

Say anything you could talk matters over

Hartford, Ct. May 13th. 1878.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park.
N. J.

Dear Sir.

Can I have a short interview with you should I call upon you a few days hence?

I am very anxious to secure the agencies for your Telephone & Phonograph, in China & Japan.

In connection with a gentleman residing in the East, I am engaged in introducing American specialties, & can easily show you that we have some advantages which others do not possess. I may add in this connection that Yung Wing, the Chinese Ambassador to the U.S.-Peru & Spain; is my father in law.

I am dear Sir;
Yours verry;
E. W. Kellogg.

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Thos. A. Edison,
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dr Sir, — I am continued by force of circumstances to resort to an expedient to which I have ever been averse in every sensative consideration, viz. to make application for assistance from others.

But now, after many misgivings, and only with the incentive of hope over a desperate condition of things, I put behind all other considerations and call on you for aid to assist me in perfecting certain mechanical inventions and to enable me thereby to place them in a way for availing profitably.

I have a strong proclivity for invention

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am thoroughly imbued with originality, conception and invention and wish to devote my life to a pursuit that offers so endless an opportunity.

Some years ago I was in the Hardware trade and expected to finally close out and employ my means to this purpose, but our late disasterous times ruined me ere I could effect my object. Since then I have sought all opportunity and exercised every energy to honorably obtain the necessary funds to further my ends but the times have been averse to the accumulation of means and to-day I find myself as hopelessly far from my object as ever. And now, Sir, I

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I must earnestly assure you that no man ever lived, or lives, who so greatly needs your kind assistance as myself under like circumstances and the reason why I apply to you is because I suspect that all men possessing the peculiarities of an inventor are homogeneous in sympathy & sentiment.

Fifteen Hundred Dollars would cover all my immediate necessities in the purchase of tools, material &c and I believe would place me in a condition beyond any farther needs of assistance. I do hope you will find yourself in a condition to assist me. and I appeal from any decision of an indifferent interest on

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the matter to those impulses of sympathy incentively responsent from a consideration of yourself under like destitute circumstances which I trust may favorable decide for

I cannot give you any security, commercially speaking, but every thing I purchase with the means or anything profitably obtained or derived therefrom shall stand pledged to you as account until a more satisfactory adjustment is attained.

As to my personal integrity I refer you to Hon. Jos. H. Defrees of Goshen Ind. or Hon. John H. Baker (M. C.) of Washington D.C., as to point of qualifications under them I beg this favor, Yes. Adt. Superf. Machinist 26 Artisan St. New Haven Conn.

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Do help me if you can find your condition within the limits of ability and believe me no greater appreciation of benevolence (or charity or favor) will ever actuate the generous reflections of man than those of

Yours most truly & meekly

Jas. R. Devor.

Port Huron May 14th 1878 — James Springston

Dear Sir The extraordinary cases of convulsions which you have surprised the world with must have had its effect upon you early. Monthly or you are more than mortal — I remember when I used to come about your fathers house when you was a boy when your mother was well before disease had dethroned her mind I used to tell them that your mind was too active for your body and that they ought to be careful about your physical culture and not let you study so hard — I notice that like every prominent man all your traits are discussed among others your utter disregard of food so much so that they have to put food in your way view of this be so you must mind matters in this respect at once. The whole world have their eye upon you you are in the very prime of your manhood the brightest promise of the future that ever surrounded any man surrounds you and the whole world hopes and wishes that you would be careful of your health — I need not urge upon you so shrewd a man as you the intimate connection between the body and the mind that a healthy body makes the highest mental manifestation and that it is possible in your ardent enquiries and experiments to neglect this

the mainspring of all — you know that nature for any inspection of Physical law demonstrates both principal and interest on the end — I beg of you to be careful to take your pool at regular intervals and let it be of that sort that will sustain you the best Do not forget this — I saw your father yesterday — He is begging to look older but as alert, lively and humorous as ever — He thinks he would like to go to Europe to investigate the Amsterdam matter and to see the old world — I believe that by managing that matter shrewdly he could be detached from his present position permanently — Suppose you now to send him to Europe upon such a mission or whatever you might contrive Have enough of management to get here manned to some widower or some low rascal who could easily be tempted to marry her for 300 dollars I have accomplices in canada shrewd crafty fellows who would manage this — I would like to return home — As to my self I have been throwing away my time as Deputy Sheriff and Constable — There is scarcely a living in it however economical — But on account of hard times I could get nothing else to do — The Republicans are humbug hunt and as Democrats are all out — I have undertaken an agency for the National Publishing Company and I have no doubt will succeed as I am well equipped with general literature and naturally a good talker — I intend to go among the farmers who are the best off — There is not five solvent men in Port Huron — It is a general smash — I had convinced to save about 200 dollars out of this petty office which would have been more than sufficient to have started me in this business but it is scattered among lawyers and others and at present I cannot get a single dollar from them — I have a large family and will not be able to get any returns till after harvest — What to do in the mean time I know not exactly I can draw this up — I intend however to push this matter with all my might — I feel ashamed to make a request to you but necessity it is and has no law — For the reason principally that it is not a drop in the bucket to you and may be the turning point with me If I could borrow 40 dollars from you it

would enable me to get stocks and set me to work as I am virtually cold at present — If you could possibly think of helping me in this crisis I should think of it with gratitude and I believe would not be long in returning it to you again

There is often very little incidents which upon more apparently trifling matters are the turning points of a mans welfare

I remain yours truly

James Symington

T A Edison Esqr

P.S. The old Spiritualists here seriously claim that you are the special favourite and are instructed by certain spirits from the spirit land who lavish all their gifts upon you

Geo. H. Bliss, Genl Mgr.

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago, May 14 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

Glad to get yours of 10th. Hope you will press my interests as agreed when I was there. Whether may be said or represented don't let up on the Phono. Peoples what on earth are you coaxing Mac to go to Australia for? I was going to send an order to have the Pen office transferred to him on the 15th. Wheeler wants to go off and work Phonograph exhibit and I hope in all conscience he will. Papers want one full about Edison, the Phonograph the Hoel-tary & the Carbon Telephone = Respectfully

Geo. H. Bliss

I answer your letter by this
please let me know
about any the wrong

Horticultural Hall. Boston, Mass
May 14th. 1898.

Prof. Thomas A. Edison.
Menlo Park. N.J.

Sir:

I sometime ago arranged with your Company to exhibit the Speaking Phonograph in Boston and to give you an idea of the awards we have met with here. I have issued in royalties amounting to $300 at the present time, we opened the exhibition of the Phonograph here on Thursday last, as soon as it was advertised here I received communications from an innumerable number of Scientific Societies to give them private exhibition and Scientific Explanations of your great production. Prominent among which were letters from the Faculty of Harvard College, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and several other

prominent bodies - I made Engagements with the above named parties and interested to give them private Exhibitions prior to opening here; your company could not however furnish me with a machine in time, so that I was obliged to disappoint them - there is now a great desire here, not only among that Element, but also among the representatives of the Press, to come personally in contact with you - after due consultation they realize that all your time is valuably occupied. They proposed; if agreable to you, to visit you in body, that is to say the press and representatives of leading Scientific associations, numbering in all not to exceed twenty. Their purpose will be to visit Menlo Park, come personally in contact with you, spend a few hours in your company and return to the "East".

Will the same be agreeable to you? if so you will confer a favor by designating the day you will be at leisure and when you would be pleased to meet the deputation.

Please answer at once by telegraph, so that I can wait upon these gentlemen and report your decision -

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servant
Wm. MacAlpine
Manager of Phonograph
Exhibition.
Horticultural Hall.
Boston, Mass.

P.S.
Arrangements have been made for a special car if your decision is satisfactory, and we sincerely hope it will be.

W. H. Preece
Newport

My dear

I have looked into the matter & got a good man to do it for us & he reports very favorably. I recommend he be made a drawing & write out his theory for your inspection. Let me know when you look through it —

Yours
W. H. Preece

W-5-14-78

W. H. Preece
Newport

My dear Sir

Will send you the photos to-morrow. Glad you like them & think Edison is superior!

Yours

W-5-15-78

Eugene Lefferts

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A. B. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York May 15 1878

Received at Glenco Park

To E. A. Collison

Have you received the Coal I saw Chester monday, & he said he would send it immediately

Eugene Lefferts

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Ben Thompson

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ANSON STAGER, Vice-Pres't, Chicago. | WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, A. R. BREWER, Sec'y, New York.

Dated, Albany, May 15, 1873.

Received at

To Friend Edison

Received May 15 1873

Dear sir I
received
the Phonograph I got
a circular with your name
in it saying that I could
keep it for one hundred
dollars and on the strength of
that circular I bought one
but they refused
to call it one, I found a man
that is willing to put
it up & guarantee it to
be some machine
I have
written to Newark which has
words to answer but

has not yet, I make
this return to you in
confidence, I appreciate
what you did for me, a
disregard it your own
that one was offering me
at one hundred dollars,
Has God given blessing
have made some money,
I am married as you and
I have three children
friends took us, charged
food dear, I know that
you honest, cheerfully did
what you could to help
my children, if you
see and appreciate
of your me assistance
I assure that I will
accept it gladly, I
could make myself happy
if I can have your signature,
your name

B. Montreal

HENRY EDMUNDS JUNR

57 Gracechurch Street
London, E.C. January 15 1878

Dear Mr Edison

I have just seen Adams who I am sorry to say is laying sick at the Hospital, he has had a bad attack of inflamation of the Bowels but is much better.

He wished me to write you to see his wife & tell him not to be uneasy about him. He will write her himself soon.

She can't call down in Abyndon at Easter. It has of course prevented his communicating anything at the Post Office. That he hopes to be at work soon.

If I can be of any use. Please write & also assume my best re the Anderson Electric Light. Motive or any thing new.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully
Henry Edmunds Jun

Chicago May 16th 1872

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Since my return home the U. E. have paid a 8% dividend & voted $500.00 extra to Barton, $300.00 to Kelloggs and $100.00 to Rowe. The first two are anxious to pay as it makes 8% on the amounts back for the year. The last three amounts are rewards for faithful service and are filed in accounts. Barton leaves for the east tonight. He is disposed to make a large payment to you on royalty the first money that can be spared. I think they want the foreign telephone order & will try to get it. They begin to realize the importance of intimate relations with you. The amount of money I owe may be urged as an excuse for non payment of royalty. I want you to understand the situation. Please treat this as confidential.

Respectfully
Geo H. Beist
Gen'l.

Invercargill
May 16th 1878

Thos. A Edison
Esq.

Sir,

I was very much struck with some accounts I have seen relating to your speaking phonograph and I now write. wishing to obtain one of them. Please send price for best machines. also for common ones — also prices per post or yard for the foil or matrice. what are their respective capabilities. and can the matrice be used on all the machines.

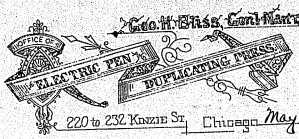
I use a 30 horse steam power in my establishment. and would also perhaps like to have an aeophone readily affixed to a steam whistle. and what would be the price for the connection. steam pressure usually being about 100 lb to 140 lbs. please send this on to the manufacturers. if not properly directed.

address S. E. Richter
Invercargill New Zealand

State what Result or Establishment would be most convenient to you for me to remit through

Government of the Philippines
Manila
Sept 10 - 711
Gen Order 12

Geo. H. Bliss Gen'l Manr.




220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago May 16 1872

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir!

I see the Operator here office the Price Tribune Article.

The Phonograph People have assembled Illinoise to me that I shall not know the conditions until their letter arrive.

I shall try to manage matters so that every one will be satisfied and there will be no loss to your credit or the Phonograph Company's.

When it comes to the question of the permanent agency the real matter about which it is worth contending will be at hand. I don't want to be left at that time.

If your telephone can be heard ten feet from the instrument with several in a hall the audience ought to be able to hear. If

Geo. H. Bliss, Genl. Mgr.

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago 1878

this can be done I think the Edison talking and Musical Telephone ought to be added to the Phonograph exhibit. Could the telephone be purchased or borrowed for this purpose? Johnson would probably sell his Musical telephone!

I answered the man who wrote that you were humbugging the people by Ventriloquism with the Phonograph in the Chicago Tribune to day. It was hardly worth while but all these things help the advertising side of the business.

I have had a pleasant letter from Mr. Hubbard & also from Mr. Cheever.

They seem to be getting over their bad impressions and I sincerely hope further progress in this direction will be made. Respectfully

Geo. H. Bliss
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Dated Menlo Park N.J. 17 Recd at Western Union Building, BROADWAY AND DEY STREET.

To Geo Carman

Mar 17 1878

No 20 New Church St N.Y.

Get scrap book from Bliss No forty ~~eight~~ east bt west Seventh street

Edison

1224 uacK

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

OFFICE OF

JESSE H. BUNNELL,

MANUFACTURER OF

TELEGRAPH AND ELECTRICAL APPARATUS,

AND MATERIALS,

112 Liberty Street,

New York, May 17 1878

T. A. Edison Esq Menlo Park —

My dear Sir

I would like to talk with you for 10 mins on Magneto when you are in again — The first incentive is I want a good machine to make and push as a specialty for as a matter of fact there is getting to be a large business done in that direction in U.S. The next is I have certain half dozen new theories which, to me are interesting but I cant at present follow them through the necessary Experiments I think I can interest you, and I know that you can solve the problem if you favor trying it. I think it worth your while.

yours Bunnell

Habana - 17th May 78.

Prof. Edison - Menlo Park N.J.

My dear Sir - I write to you under the idea that it may not be a case of "out of sight out of mind". I hope you will not forget me or all your kind promises made (at our standing)

If you could arrange with me for the Phonograph & Telephone this I shall be glad to give you day 30 % of our profits of my agency. Send me one of each at once for best chance. You can ship it through Cochran & co. Last let me know if that is immediate shipment is being made. I hope you are well & happy & I shall be glad to hear from you. Kind regards to Batchelor. Manager

Yours faithfully
[illegible]

Keep on
Pleiter
with
[illegible]

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited

16 Broad Street

New York 18th May 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Dr. Muirhead who has just duplexed our cable will be in town next week & I have no doubt would like to pay you a visit and I shall be glad to make you acquainted with him – Can you let me know what day would suit you best

Yours truly
Geo. G. Ward
Pres.

Geo. H. Wiles, Genl Mgr.

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago 1878.

MAY 19TH.

T. A. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK, N. J.

DEAR SIR:

THANKS FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF THE 16TH.

I SHALL BE GLAD WHEN THE PHONOGRAPH MATTER IS FINALLY ARRANGED.

I HAVE BEEN STAKING EVERYTHING ON MY RELATIONS WITH YOU IN SPITE OF THE SNEERS OF OTHERS AT PATENT RIGHTS AND MUCH UNDERHAND OPPOSITION.

I EXPECT THE DAY WILL COME WHEN YOU WILL ENJOY A MAGNIFICENT INCOME.

THE SIEMENS BROS. OF LONDON HAVE A MONTHLY INCOME OF 60.000 POUNDS FROM THEIR PATENTS.

PUSKAS & ROOSEVELT HAVE CERTAINLY MADE A SCOOP IN A FRANCE AT WHICH I AM IMMENSELY DELIGHTED..

MY EXHIBITION PHONOGRAPHS HAVE NOT COME YET BUT EXPECT TO BE UNDER FULL HEADWAY BY THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK.

THE PUBLIC INTEREST IS INTENSE.

RESPECTFULLY,

Geo. H. Wiles

GEN. MAN.

BARTON IS IN NEW YORK . BUZZ HIM ON FINANCES.

GILLILAND IS HERE AND WANTS TO SELL HIS FACTORY. I THINK IT WILL BE A GOOD THING TO BUY SOON.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C. 5-19, 1878

My dear

Yesterday Bishop Simpson the head of the Methodist Church preached a very beautiful funeral sermon over my Mothers remains (at West Chester) which we succeeded in bringing home from Japan where she died much so. I had a great an hour in the morning talking him of your progress in the Phonograph & Telephone, & in his remarks he brought up the progress you have made in letting in the light upon the hitherto mysterious realms, as an evidence of the progress of our triumphs in the march of Christian

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civilization. He is a very learned man, & is at the same time one of the purest & best men that there is living to-day. He expressed a desire to know you & talk over some theories or beliefs he has in the "storm line". I told him you were always glad to meet those ~~to~~ whom you could talk to on subjects of a scientific nature running in the line of light, sound & electricity & invited him to call & see you sometime. He said he should neglect to do so. I gave him a Photo which he said he should respect more by. He has seen the little Phono in Phila. I wish you

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., , 187 .

would write me a note & say you would be pleased to see him anytime. You will like him.

What is there in the other col of the newspaper? I am to accept as fact whatever you say you can do, or have done!

How about Phoebe Morton?

We open Eve of Phoebe here on Thursday Eve at Selwyn Hall — from 1 week will hold 1200!

What do you think of this Clipper article?
W H G

Managers,
THEODORE L. ROOSEVELT,
CHARLES A. CHEEVER.

P. O. Box 5530.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW YORK,

203 BROADWAY,

New York, 27 May 20th 1878.

Dear Edison,

Mr. O. F. Barrin one of the proprietors of the Twin Mountain Crawford House & several other houses in the White Mountains called here today. He told me that if you & I would go up there for a week or two this season he would take good care of us & make it pleasant - good about fishing &c &c; and it should not cost us anything while there — dont you want to take a rest in July or August? I will try to get off a week or so —

Cant you rig up an aerophone so it can be heard from Twin Mountain House to the Crawford House - 8 miles up the valley in the mountains? Would be a big thing for a novelty!—

Would like to have a talk with you about it —

Yours
"AG"

Applebaugh
May 30, 1878

Mrs G file

Tom Carter

owner of town if you wish to call
upon will know me Inquire

Charleston S.C.
May 20th 1878

Friend Tom —

From the fact of your name having of late become as familiar as "Household words" I am instructed to address you a few words of congratulation upon your most wonderful & extraordinary achievements —

I am contemplating a visit to Europe towards the latter part of June & intend giving you a call, I presume the liberty taken, will not be considered out of place by you, individually.

I am told that you have perfected your "phenograph" & that exhibitions are now being given in Eastern & Western cities — If such is the case I think there is a good field South & Southwest from this point for similar exhibitions — I am anxious to become posted as to the best mode of procedure to start such — Will

You at your Earliest convenience give me all the information in your power as to the Photograph, and where you think it sell, & latest what charges &c &c —

I am working here as Chief Opr & doing fair. Climate not as agreeable as Cuba and I do not feel to quite as prospects elsewhere not promising —

Remember me to Mr & Mrs Adams & Griffin — See by papers they are with you —

With kindest wishes Believe me

Yours Sincerely

Tom Cattell

W. H. Felgl

Referred to Batchelor to report

Office of

# Rubber and Celluloid Harness Trimming Co.

Andrew Allright, Pres't.
Thos. Mayford, Sec'y.
Wm. McNulty, Treas.

Newark, N.J. May 22 1878

Prof Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park.

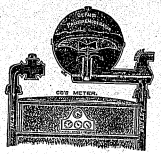
My dear Sir.

As I am quite ignorant as to what relates to the uses of Machine & Tools in telegraphy. I handed the sample to you. in hope you would have the kindness to tell me your views as to the value of it. I am not aware of the patent. but if there is any good in it would like to make a little money of it.

I would like your opinion as to the cost per hundred - that is, what you can manufacture them for by the hundred.

Very truly yours

A. Allright




DE PALOS

Pressure Moderator.

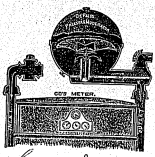
JOHN MANDEVILLE, General Agent,
123 BROAD STREET,

Elizabeth, N. J. May 20th 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir -

Being an entire stranger to you & we never having even seen each other - you will doubtless consider the contents of this letter somewhat extraordinary, & perhaps think me a most presumptuous person. Also you will put this in your scrap basket & think no more of it. I want some one to loan me $500 - for at least a year. & I have no security to offer other than my personal honesty & a reputation of being a hard working straight forward man; except a chattel mortgage on my household furniture to about $300 - & an insurance on my life of about $600 (not paid up) in favor of my Wife - I come to you, because you are a stranger to me & I have no friends that can, or will help me; wade over a tough place. I have a business (as above) which is now in-

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# Pressure Moderator.

JOHN MANDEVILLE, General Agent,
123 BROAD STREET,

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my hands & just with which I am doing moderately well, & with better prospects. I will only say in conclusion that if you can at all entertain the idea of giving me a helping hand. I shall be glad to see you face to face & tell you the rest of the story. I dont ask for a gift, but an accommodation & it struck me you might be a man possessed of generous motives as well as a wonderful faculty for invention.

Yours truly

"Confidential"

John Mandeville

Phon

Horticultural Hall.
Boston, Mass. May 20. 1878

Prof. Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park. N.J.

Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. relative to the time the party belonging to the Boston press will accompany me to your house. I have sent you a message to day that we will leave here on Tuesday Evening and arrive at Menlo Park, on Wednesday at 10½ A.M. I hope this arrangement will meet with your approval.

I am, very respectfully
Your obt. Servant

Wm. McMahon

[ATTACHMENT]

(1878)

message from New York to T A Edison.

would like to see you will you be in the city to day and where or shall I run out. yes

J Arthur Thomas Arthur.

for Boston

to Thos A Edison.

The party will leave here on Tuesday Evening and arrive at your House at about ten thirty AM on Wednesday

Wm MacMahon

(see also: 1878-Edison, Pennoyer-Correspondence-Aug. 10.)

John Thomas

Will be at my ~~Stevens House~~ 70 New Chambers st

Show him to the

Will wait

9.15 Boston 11.30

W-5-21-78

My dear

I enclose a copy of a small size Rex Jones to sell by at $25. I think should be just beginning to persuade way. I mail you some papers showing how they are doing so for this way.

I will get you the $4.000 say nothing to anyone till I see you!

Can I see the Paris Lots if I come over to meet Friday? Tell "Butch" his Photos be ready to mount to hand back daily for week.

Yours
W. Rankin

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9.9. Ward

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A. R. BREWER, Sec'y. WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York May 21 1878

Received at

The T. A. Edison

Coming Tomorrow Wednesday Eleven Train Must be back from Thirty.

G.G. Ward

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

May 22
(1878)

C. H. Johnson

Photographic Co

203 Broadway N.Y.

We will not arrive
till four thirty will be impossible
to go to Office

Dig

John Morton

178 Pennsylvania Ave.
Baltimore May 22. 1878.

T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

I desire to know upon what conditions the necessary apparatus to illustrate a course of popular lectures on sound can be obtained. I mean your Phonograph of latest improvement and Microphone as well.

I am a practicing Physician and Minister of the Gospel – Occupied the chair of Natural Science in Dickinson College, Carlisle Pa. and am in the habit of lecturing to popular audiences on these Physical sciences.

My present design is to deliver

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Bill May 22 78
Lectures on Sound
Phonograph
Microphone

a course on Sound in some of the Churches of this city and other parts of Maryland and perhaps in Washington D.C.

I have kept pace with your wonderful discoveries as far as they have been made public but have not seen claims upon which instruments can be purchased or leased.

Allow me to suggest that I have been working (theoretically) on the possibility of adapting the Phonograph as a means of physical diagnosis. The accord I have received of your Ampliphone makes the possible seem highly probable. The sounds obtained by the Stethoscope, both as sensation and instrument as you must have might it seem to me be rendered audible to a class without removing the patient from his bed or room. Hymns of three lungs and heart sounds could be recorded and reproduced at pleasure it would be of immense value to the physician in comparing the condition at one time with that of another. I have sent no hints in this direction and take the liberty of making the suggestion to you.

Will you be kind enough to respond at your earliest convenience to

Dr. J. Daugherty,
178 Penna. Ave.
Baltimore, Md.

Boston May 24.

T. A. Edison

Can get away next Sunday, shall you be at home, will I come? Please telegraph C. O. D.

Dr. Clarence J. Blake

~~19~~ 19 St. James Avenue,

A.G.

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E. S. Harris

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E. S. HARRIS, Manager,
Homer, Louisiana.

Dated Bustop La May 24 1878

Received at

To Prof. Thos A. Edison,
Menlo Park, N. J.

Read the Notice at the Top.

Thanks for the beutiful and true lines its a valued favor, and I shall keep the excellent and peculiar sentiment framed for my great Grand children

Am delighted with the New Mass & Jury Bust, and hope to see you some day, Adieu

Yours Truly E. S. Harris

Menlo Park N J May 24. 1878

Messrs Fitch & Meserole

Centts —

I want an itemized bill of $75.80 you will see it is a balance left from the bill sent us I want this receipted and sent to me — then I want another bill (itemized) and receipted for $26.00 this is money we paid on murrays account. I am making a statement and will have to show them as vouchers

Yours truly
T A Edison
per

I transcribe the above &c as they stand on our books + enclose
T S M.

Buckingham Works.

T. COOKE & SONS.

York. May 24th 1878

Prof: Edison

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your of the 3rd inst. If the special form of Telephone which I have patented here is already in existence in America no notice has yet appeared of it in the American Scientific Journals, which I regularly see. - Probably the name has misled you slightly. My idea has nothing to do with what is ordinarily understood as Duplex & Quadruplex Telegraphy; it is the combination or union of the sound produced by 2 4 8 16 or any number of diaphragms

each

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working on into own separate life; simultaneously) & actuated by the one current, into one lack-piece; or of the converse — by speaking into the one mouthpiece 2. 4. 8. or more diaphragms are simultaneously vibrated & lack producing its own current all are transmitted together & act on a single or combination instrument at the far end — The company with Willoughby Smith & several other scientists a week or two after tested the penetrating power of one of my duplex & quadruplex & telephonic circuits & after testing distinctly thro' about 50 miles of cable in Tamp at Greenwich (where was all the telephone maintenance & construction people then had available)

&c

tried then the various resistances from 5000 ohms with "very good results" up to 40000 ohms when "speaking was not so satisfactory" (Willoughby thought when at the time) but from this up to 1000000 ohms "singing & chattering" were heard distinctly and the sound of a voice speaking could be heard very feebly! — I should consider that the effect of a quadruplex or duplex arrangement acting simultaneously upon four or eight of your plumbago arrangements would give you great power of variation of resistance. —

We are now engaged in the manufacture of some of your Phonophores for the Stereoscopic Co —

and

Worthing
May 20th
1878

My dear Mr Wallace

If you can furnish us with any hints which will enable us to improve the present, speaking of these we have heard in London we shall be pleased, and in the meantime

I remain
Yours truly
R. Brasier

Lawrence Cottage
Chatterton Road
York

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Mr. Wallace
Hyde Park
London
W.

Mr. Brasier
Lawrence Cottage
Chatterton Road
York

Horticultural Hall.
Boston. Mass. May 25. 1878.

Prof. Thomas A. Edison.
Menlo Park. N.J.

Sir: I have sent you to day the Boston papers which contain the notices of our very pleasant reception at your place: these notices are to be continued in several of the Dailys and our Sunday papers here have prepared long articles. Will you be pleased to let me the receipt for the "Pillsfom" you promised me.

I would like to arrange with you if possible, for some foreign territory of which I spoke to you the other day, Either England, France, Russia, Germany, or any of the South American Republics: or Either, and I am positive that the profits you would derive from a proper conduction of Entertainment and close financiering would be Enormous; I am sure you would make your time so much by controlling as much territory (Foreign) yourself, as you could get direct returns and control & have party with

me to protect your interest, as for instance here in Boston. I have turned in to the Phonograph Co. Thirteen hundred dollars in two weeks, and I think that business will continue in that stream for some time to come as prospects look right and you are thoroughly appreciated by the good people of the "Hub" however. There would be no exception to other cities if they were properly worked - I am afraid that the parties working many of them will make very little Either for themselves, or the Phonograph Company I would be pleased to make any reasonable proposition to any of the people who represent you abroad that you may see fit to make as I shall probably close here in a few weeks and would like to continue Exhibiting the Phonograph, as I flatter myself that I have about the correct idea of how it should be done.

Will you be kind Enough to communicate with me as soon as convenient.

& greatly oblige Yours respectfully

Wm McMahon

Frank M. Sherlock
Ann Arbor Mich
May 27/78

Ans'd June 5th 1878

It's all
possible but
requires some time
to have it perfected

Ann Arbor May 27th 1878

T. A. Edison Esq,

Dear Sir

Have you so far perfected your phonograph as to combine sensitiveness with power? That is to say, will it record the music of a large concert piano and reproduce it with fidelity at, or near, its original loudness?

I suppose you know as much as any one about the capabilities of the telephone. Can it be so arranged as to convey the music of a medium sized pipe organ and reproduce it so that all the notes and fine elastic tone of tone can be heard?

Gentlemen, I have heard (by newspaper reports) of an arrangement for reinforcing the phonograph by means of compressed air. If such a thing is possible with the phonograph is there any valid reason why it cannot be applied to the Bell telephone and render its words or music audible through an entire hall?

Yours my reasons for asking these questions. The Senior Class of Michigan University are talking of having a grand concert during commencement week (the last of June) and I thought of proposing to them the use of the phonograph and telephone.

The hall of the University is about 100 x 125 ft in size and seats 3000 to 3500 people. There is no organ in it but about 1000 feet away is a church with a small but fine organ. Can the telephone be so arranged as to bring that organ to us?

I am not authorized to ask for the class nor do I know positively that there will a concert but if your answer is favorable I wish to act as agent between you and the class.

The time for making arrangements is very short, I am afraid it is too short now, so please write me immediately giving the possibilities, probabilities, cost of instruments etc.

Send oblige

Yours Respectfully
Frank M. Dunlap
Ann Arbor
Mich

P.O. Box 2030.

has no doubt got your message this morning.

Dr. Muirhead expects to be here on Wednesday. You had ~~perhaps~~ better write him again as he has cabled respecting of this affair to Latimer Clark —

Excuse haste.

Yours very truly.

Geo Gward

Bless your soul Hughes cant get good articulation except in the way I have arranged it. Barker at Phila has tried Hughes & the old whining just what I've been working to get over since 1876. Hughes has not improved his principle he is only changing my invention I made in 1876

Private

N.Y. 27 May 78

Friend Edison

Dr. Muirhead looked further into Hughes' publication after you left & we talked it over. He ~~thinks~~ says it is undoubtedly your principle and he thinks under the circumstances you should set to work immediately and make new telephones in this form or improved one call it your improved instrument.

Preece

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., 5-27, 1878.

My Dear Bell

Got back Friday!
Show here - Thursday 63.50
Friday $78.50
Saturday - 76.00 -
Company share $57.
I will have the cash for you Saturday or Monday to push the aerophone & Telephonoscope to further developements.
Suppose you make four pine boxes 6 or 8 feet long & 3 ft square 1½ inch boards - so the contents can't be seen & a few magnets can be put in & plenty

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screws & holes in certain places - Have two sendors & 2 receivers I will send you on the telescope (smaller size) so it can be fixed on the top of the sender push there now - trust - no one but Batch - keep off them all!!!
Chase has his Phonograph first rate to-day! good enough - comes first class! I think we will have to start out about 2.0 Collectors after our shares! to secure our share -
Box up the Telephones!
Yours W. H. Painter

J O'Neill
195 Bowery NY

When will those
French astronomers be
here T A Edison

Stop

T. A. Edison

New York 28 (May)

Professors Ard and Andre of the Paris observatory will be in New York from Monday until wednesday of next week and desire to make your aquaintance and visit your laboratory can you receive them and what day answer

J. A. Green

I will be here next tuesday

T. A. Edison

Dear sir I am very glad to receive a visit from

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Will keep you in mind for any work that

Mr. J. Edison

New York, May 28 1878.

Dear Sir.

Excuse another letter from me. I suppose you have had little time to experiment on matters in this line & have attention upon expecting any rapid process of doing the work.

I am so situated that I want to make the best use of my time either wholly or I am not sufficiently well paid here or else at first my leisure time in hunting advertising to lightly small or desirable articles & attending to the mailing to at home. Once a man advertises a 25¢ toilet waxpie for fabrics or a smile off it occurred to me that you might be willing to put me in the way of furnishing me the information that would be necessary for any one to put up one either for use or amusing I saw such an advertisement in an otherwise paper. but that or similar wipe pay. Among the numerous inventions you may have smilly waxpie good that you have not had time to introduce & bring into use could I not be used waxpie in introducing such articles on my hands give my whole time & be down mutual benefit.

Any notice you may take of this, or endeavor you may make will be highly appreciated by Yours Truly Henry A. Lane.

J. R. Heenan

THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATED PRESS.
145 BROADWAY.

New York, May 28, 1878.

P. O. Box 3975.

Dear Mr. Edison:

I hope Mrs. Edison will be well enough to go to Mt. St. Vincent Thursday morning for I think the trip would be very pleasant, particularly if the day is fine. She could ride all the way from the ferry to the door of the building at the Mount.

Did you invite Mr. Amos Cummings to accompany you? If not, suppose I do so? The managing editor of the Sun, Mr. Ballard Smith, is going out on the one o'clock train, but not as a

Reporter.

James R. Keenan
May 27

Please try to have the speaking and musical telephones as well as the phonograph. I don't know yet what time I am to meet you at the ferry Thursday morning, but presume I'll know tomorrow. A train leaves 30th St for the Mount at 9 a.m. and there is one at 9:10 from 42d St. The next is 10:30 from 30th St. We are expected of course in the morning. All others go at one o'clock. The ladies in your party I am sure will have a nice time. Everything will be done to please them.

Yours truly,
James R. Keenan.

6. Lombard Street, E.C.

London 28 Aug. 1878.

J. A. Edson Esq.

Dear Sir I confirm cables as Enclosed – also copy your letter to Prescott of this date –

Yours faithfully
Geo. E. Gourand.

Encls

Pres Co: Cable to Prescott.
" " from do.

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Lagrange, Lima, Wolcottville,
Ontario and Mongo.

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The "STANDARD" Circulates in Every Town and Neighborhood in the County.

Lagrange, Ind., 25th 1878

Thos. A. Edison,

Menlo Park,

Dr Sir — Yours of the 15th inst., handed me on my return here in answer to my solicitous letter, gave me an agreeable surprise for the reason that I scarcely anticipated it as will appear. Consequent upon a great mental depression, resultant from my peculiar circumstances, the insistence or obtrusive impress of my mind was very singularly moved and addressed, from great solicitude, for sometime the question as to how I should honorably obtain some kind of stepping stone upon which to base a united effort for relief has wrought deeply upon me; the impression appeared to grow upon my mind aggressively that such relief would be obtained through you; and finally in time,

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for truth, every effort to solve the problem of my relief

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facilities or on any portion to alleviate my depressive hopes this singular impression became intimately articulate and concluded every number of my oft-frequently hopeless measures with the very distinct injunction of "Write to Edison, Edison will help you, Edison will help you." Whether an overaged amount of marginal superstition in my mental composition or of sentiment, I should certainly have concluded it the voice of some mysterious monitor and conceded it my confidence then your answer would have been a sore disappointment indeed. Instead, however, I persistently warded off the delusive impression hoping that it would in time abate, nevertheless, it uncompromisingly kept up the reputation in my ears of "Edison will help you, Edison will help you." with increasing earnestness.

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Rolling Prairie.

so that after many abortive efforts on my part I

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was absolutely driven into trying the experiment

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and attempted addresses to you several times and as often, dictated by what seemed to be considered better

Lagrange, Ind. 25 1871

judgment discharged them. These attempts, however, gave me no respite and the admonition that Edison would help me. I kept singing in my ears until from actual deprivation I did as you know;—giving off a volume of the actual feelings of my mind under the repressing influence of a censorious public opinion.—

I thought I could not expect a reply, and felt mean to think that by you it might appear an imposition. Therefore, in cites a feeling of gratitude that you shall give it the consideration of an answer—and relieve me of a sense of self disrespect which I had against

I heartily disclaim anything chimerical in the nature of my ambitious pretentions nor are my pretentions but all matter of fact. Pardon any apparent coloring of egotism, one cannot speak of himself without the appearance. I practical and thorough, and achieved success

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so far as I have undertaken, my financial disabilities seriously limiting my progress. My confidence in my inventive faculties are such that I would not hesitate to state my life that I can invent any mechanical device practicable for any given purpose were my facilities financially unbrake. I have seldom undertaken such a task but that the principles of attainment were fully resolved to elucidation by draft or put into practical operating. But confidence in my ability for the disposition of anything that I may invent by turning it into financial account, is nil. Illustration; were I bestowed with golden dollars and were allowance to discount them 50% and sell them under the appellation of patented inventions I would starve to death. This, honor, I by to say, is not a natural condition of my mind, when Merchandising I cannot consider slow in business matters, but sudden and continued reverses of fortune for which there was no possible help completely discouraged and embarrassed. Self confidence in this respect

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Yet I have the assurance that this essential qualification is not dead but subject to resurrection and re-acquisition. I am as one lying at the bottom of a dungeon and dismal pit and business but bleeding from oft repeated and hopeless attempts for liberty, need but from above the kindly encouraging voice and friendly helping hand.

Limited in means, I have been able to patent but few of my inventions, one of which is a new mechanical movement by which pulleys or gearings may be run at any angle within a [illegible] 145° of their shaft, thus conveying power from one shaft to another without regard to their relative parallel positions. The pulleys conforming to the required deviation. It is susceptible of working quite a change in machine construction by giving accomodations heretofore unknown.

Professor Trowbridge of Yale (professor of dynamics in fact) said it was the best mechanical movement he had in his collection and susceptible of more uses.

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It was favorably mentioned in scientific papers here and in England, and a certificate of honorary membership to an association of Science and Art in Edinburgh Scotland was voluntarily sent me out of this consideration. Finally I am unable to develop it further or put it into a remunerative market and have no ability to take it up.

It is extremely hard to fully appreciate the distress of those who perish from thirst and waste their energy in a scorching sun in the vain efforts for relief. Ah! well, I must not detain you further with personal griefs but rather Congratulate you on your brilliant and unparalleled success. May your stone luminous by supreme in the annals of science and art and appear the most brilliant in the constellation of inventors is the earnest desire of

Fraternally Yours

(Enclosure a check.)

Geo. A. Dean

U. S. Patent Office,

Washington, D.C., May 25, 1878.

Friend Edison

I am thinking of going over to N.Y. tomorrow night, and if convenient to you would like to come down to Menlo, on Friday or Saturday. Please let me know if either day would do, and what is a convenient time to take from N.Y.

Most Truly Yours

H. C. Townsend

Address care
John Reynolds
9 Pine St N.Y.
— come to day

Elizabeth May 29th 1878

T. A. Edison

If really necessary will come on night train or meet you here in the morning

Answer Now!

Jeffrin

Mrs H

Mexico May 29. 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park. N.J.

Dear Sir.

This will introduce Major Francis De Ines, of the firm of Mesel and De Ines Mexico, (the parties I saw with) Any attention you can show him will be greatly appreciated by.

Your Friend
H. C. Beardslee

[FROM JAMES MACKENZIE]

Dear Al Hrs Mon May 30 / 76

A. & has promised to relieve me tomorrow if he does I will be down Saturday if not cant come before monday. I & G & B would be relieved in 1st but have heard nothing since they left & believe Mr Thurlow Mr McK to stay till I come in case Mr Davis disappoints me. Yours truly John Mackenzie

Inclosed the oil — Keep it strange.

Chicago Ill. May 31.

T A Edison.

Am on the way to Washington shall be in New York two or three days next week.

Geo. H. Bliss

17 D.H.

New York May 31. 1878

T. A. Edison

Your instruments are a success in the Brooklyn wire, can you furnish me with 2 induction coils & 2 transmitters ready to fit up & sett for merchants circuit I want to show you new design for combination box I am making x

Geo. B. Scott

T. A. Edison

New York May 31.

Townsend with you Monday twelve. I want to see you about English papers tomorrow before eleven

S. M. Sewell,

A.G.

17 Gold.

J. C. REIFF

J. C. Reiff

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, May 31 1878

Dear T. A.

Sharpe sent me your letter about Ponies.

Brooklyn. Black & White 13 hands driven by a lady $200

Newburgh White 15 hands $300

Newark Black & Bay 13 hands $250

While you arrange to go to Brooklyn will we look at them.

The lady writing from Brooklyn says hers are the handsomest team in Brooklyn.

Yours J. C. Reiff

P.S.

A friend of mine and I met St Vincent yesterday to see your Exhibition

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Newark, N. J. May 31 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir. I have ordered a copy of my patent for a flexible cylinder, to be mailed to you, and I have sent by ~~express~~ Mail a sample. You can judge of its utility to you.

I congratulate you in your success.

Very truly yours

J. W. Hyatt

Flexible cylinder heavy at but turned for the same but also patent here.

(not received)

Wm MacMahon
Horticultural Hall, Boston

Party can come any time next week,

T A Edison

# Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company,

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W. P. WHEATLAND, Sec'y & Treas.
SAMUEL R. PEARS, Sup't.
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Philadelphia, 5th Mo 187

Thomas.

I send thee a note from the celebrated "Singist" Kellogg. I wouldn't like to send thee all I get upon topics growing out of the Carbon Telephone, and Phonographs — its fearful — you — over at Menlo must have uncommon patience and physical force to back it. I told Clara Louise (by note) in my sweetest voice that I had returned the Phono to thee at Menlo and that thou were now perfecting one which I felt certain would do her wonderful voice justice and that thou would be pleased to receive her and her friends to witness it when an opportunity to bring it to thee now

look out and give the poor
girl a chance, when you
get ready for him.

Phelps does
seem to be doing any-
thing towards making
a home for us.

How and when
are we to get away?

I am almost frantic
over it.

My mind
Darling

[ENCLOSURE]

Chas. Lowe Kilroff

Col. Bentley

Having heard of the members of the phonographic Group my friend Mr. Trimbell, who has suggested that you might be so

[ENCLOSURE]

Good as to give
Mr Mathias and
Myself the opportunity of seeing
the operation of
this wonderful
machine at my
apartment at the
Metropolitan Hotel
Earth if steam

Arranged

Col Keasley
Introduced by
Mr Shirtcliff

Colonel Keasley

Com McMahon

Horticultural Hall Boston

It will be impossible to come next week but will try and name a day week after next

J A Lawson

18 Called

Dear Edison

Please put the things you listen with out of sight instead of leaving them around. People have heard that you have invented something to hear with and there will be lots of spies around. Show them this thing etc

Jill Baker to keep still also

Yours

Chas A Cheever

Chas A Cheever
Mary

THE DAILY GRAPHIC $10.00 PER YEAR.

# THE GRAPHIC COMPANY,

HEARTH AND HOME $3.00 PER YEAR.

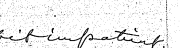
New York, June 1 1878

My Dear Edison:-

No; I am not a bit impatient; I have perfect confidence in your genius. But I want to turn you loose. I want to come out there & see you. I am the best fellow to keep out the way that ever you heard or saw. But - don't you see? - I must get the materials for another letter to Cincinnati. And my wife (which she's a nice woman) wants to see you & your wife. She's not in good health, however, & can't get back the same night. Is there any sort of hotel there where we can put up till morning? If there is, we would much like to come out some afternoon next week, & stay one night.

Most truly, "Son of Show",

W. A. Croffut



The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,
203 BROADWAY.
P. O. Box 3829.

New York, June 1st 1878

Dear Edison

It will be important for you to be in here on Tuesday forenoon to sign papers for Mr Jones who leaves for Brazil on Wednesdays Steamer, they will be all ready on Tuesday.

Have decided since Mr Pratter went to see you yesterday that before employing the counsel whom he spoke of in Boston to attack the infringers, that I will find out if an equally good one can be obtained at less cost, will let you know the result on Tuesday when you come in.

Do not fail to keep the hearing machine a secret. The sooner you can get one ready so that Mr Redpath and I can commence proceedings for its exhibition as per my memorandum with you when I was at Menlo Park, the quicker we will be making some profit out of it.

I will not be in town on Monday but will be here on Tuesday morning without fail

Yours Truly

Chas A Cheever

No. 27 West 20th Street.

New York, June 2d 1876

Thomas A. Edison

Menlo Park

New Jersey

My dear Sir

The City of Paris the steamer by which I have taken passage for Rio will sail on Thursday June 8th. I am therefore in the necessity of asking you to procure and forward me the instruments for making the introduction of your telephone in Brazil by Wednesday at the latest. I look to receive from you an appointment at any time after 5 P.M. June 8th or you may write me fully

so your communication
has reached me by this
time. I should like to
have explained to me the
action of the Telephone
system adopted by the
Paris & London Companies
you refer to. It would
be a guide to my plans in
Brazil.

Note it not be possible
for you to furnish me
with a duplicate set of
your telephones to take
with me, and also one of
the improved Phonographs?
or must I wait patiently
for them one month and
Rise upon your
pending claims by the
Safety steamer?

Inventors are proverb-
=ially unreliable, and
I shall feel very unhappy
miserable and helpless in
the other side of the Equator
without Telephone or Phono
=graph (except such as are
by first Patent Office
model) upon the
agony of your end.

If you are coming to New
Yorkmorrow and would like
to see me at Mr. Chauncey's
or elsewhere you might
Phonograph care Mr. S. Davies
231 Broadway.

Yours truly
Frank Jones

1 — Feb 1897 11 3/4 Pm

Portland, Oregon, June 3, 1874.

My Dear Sir:—

You no doubt receive letters from all sorts of persons, and therefore may not be so much surprised at this, from a genuine "Astrologer."

I want a favor, but it is one you can easily grant, namely, your data of birth.

On page 26, of a pamphlet which I mail to you, is a full explanation of "data", to wit, the year, day of month & hour of birth as near as possible, and the place where born.

I will not bore you with a long letter, but briefly state that I know Astrology to be true. Please read on same page, (26) what I say under the head "Special Notice — Parentage." I desire your data of birth, solely for my

I understand from the papers that your parents are living, & I am anxious to learn all the facts in the premises. I expect your time is too precious for any investigation of this kind, so foreign to your inventions, but will you not do me the favor to send me the address of your father? Or, send him this letter, which explains itself. It is not idle curiosity which actuates me, but that same restless desire to discover the truth that has always haunted me, as it has you, only in different directions. I am called a "fool" & "madman", laughed at & considered public property for the gibes & jests of those who are vastly my inferiors. I am an "Astrologer" and that shuts me out from mingling with the world in any other capacity. Recently I started

own gratification, disregardless of either yourself or the public. Still, if you will take the trouble to send it, & so desire, I will sketch your Nativity. Also, as this will not be so much of a test, because I know of you through the papers, you may send the data of some one without affording me the slightest clue as to who it is. & I will sketch the Nativity. Be sure to get the hour and minute as near as possible.

Another point, for the sake of science. Your remarkable inventive powers are not the result of chance. There was a cause, and there are laws through which the effect was attained. Probably no person save your parents can afford you any clue to the cause or causes. And perhaps only your mother knows.

a newspaper for [illegible] of quality, young men but no one would [illegible] it. The editor was the [illegible] "crazy Old Chaney," & that was enough to kill it, although it was admitted that I was more capable than any man in their ranks. So I am ~~now~~ not only a social, but a literary and scientific, outcast. Astrology is my only solace. I am an old man, not only destitute, but just now, in debt. But I can soon work out with my Rasp, a copy of which I send. I was angry & desperate, or I would not have started it. But people, the fools, like the Rasp.

I have alluded to my trials, hoping that the memory of your own struggles might prompt you to grant my requests. Money I do not want. I despise it, save as a necessity.

Yours Truly, W. H. Chaney.

Boston, Mass.

June 5th 1878.

Mr. Edison.

Dear Sir,

The pleasant memories which the representatives of the Boston Press gathered in their recent visit to your home, are still present with them. Imagine then with what pleasure we learn from Mr. Wm. M. Mehan that you will soon visit Boston.

We extend to you our heartfelt thanks for the kindness we received at your hands and if there is any way in which we may reciprocate, rest assured that we shall do so.

The welcome which the great heart of Boston always gives to genius and the homage she always pays to modest merit will surely be yours.

Yours respectfully

Wm. H. Buckley
Daily Advertiser

Clarence W. Barron,
Transcript

Wm. F. Gilbert
Daily Globe

Fred. W. Webber,
Journal

F. Simpson.
Traveller.

Fred P. Bacon
Herald

John McCall
Times

Horticultural Hall.
Boston, Mass.
June 3. 1878.

Prof. Thomas A. Edison.

Dear Sir:

I received your dispatch the encouraging nature of which pleased me very much. I have been contemplating a visit from you, and now I am positive that if you will appoint a day next week, that it will be an event in your life you will always look back to with pleasure.

The people of Boston do not look for any achievement from your visit to them, but are fully satisfied with what you have already accomplished as the tone of the letter from the gentlemen of the press will certainly convince you.

If you could be invited you would like to have the Telephone, and Electric pen put in the Hall where

you are exhibiting, so that you could show its wonderful powers to some select parties. This will certainly be a great point as many of the business houses here have been obliged to have the Bell Telephone taken out of their offices, the noise from the street preventing their hearing what was communicated —

Will you be pleased to communicate with me as soon as you can find time as to what day you will be here, when it will be my endeavour to make you stay with us a pleasant and I hope also a profitable one.

Yours respectfully

Wm. McMahon

P.S.

Gentlemen of the press have shown me letter they intend to write you, which you will probably receive tomorrow

Torpedo Station
Newport, R. I.
Nov 4th 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.
My dear Edison.
I have rec'd a letter forwarded to me from you which was written by Dr. N. Schwedler of Fort Wachuca Ariz. & enclose a reply which you may forward to the Dr. if you like. I am very much obliged to you for the compliment & shall be happy to be present in any practicable manner

I rejoice in the success which you are meeting with in your boiling inventions – I trust that you will get amply rewarded from them – Much & far better than you have been for the Bund. An invention like Cockerill's that ought to have brought you an ample reward.

But the Oleographs – I do not know how to express my great delight at the various new fields which it opens up – I long to have an to experiment with in our fields – Cotton & Tobacco –

I would like an to experiment on the Bunds produced by various explosives – Dynamite – gun-cotton – Nitro glycerine – Picric powder – &c. &c. – It cannot fail to throw light on the character of detonation – its difference from Mere burning, explosion – How can I procure an of your simple ones –

I observed in Perton the other day an of the small ones – Lime Cylinder (32 shells) & design to try some experiments with it – & will report to you the results –

I was very greatly pleased at the full account given by the

Having Boston papers of this week to give Sunday — I would be glad to visit it myself some time when in N.Y. & would be glad to have a bit from you here — I would like to experiment with a pair of your Carbon Telephones if you could lend me a pair for a few days —

Very truly Yours
Thomas F. Tasmor.

Recd 8-18-76 Thos F. Tasmor
Answ'd Aug 21-76

P. O. Box 5529.

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,
203 BROADWAY.

New York, June 4th 1878

Thos A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir.

I enclose list of Photographic Material which I have sent per New-Jersey Express Co. It will probably reach you Friday next and I hope will be found in good order, and you will have no difficulty in putting the stands together. The lens is attached to the landscape Camera & for Copying I would recommend you to put it in large Camera use the large levelling stand. It's a matter of experience which diaphragm to use, you must be guided by amount of illumination on object to be copied. The smaller the diaphragm the sharper the plate along the edge & longer exposure necessary. In direct sun light 15 to 25 second with smallest diaphragm. 45 to 75 seconds in ordinary light for copying Engraving & machinery. The action of the chemicals is much more rapid in Summer than winter and the various manipulations in operating the plate should be quicker.

You can not be too careful about the

Bath solution and one filtering apparatus should be set apart for that and nothing else.

If you have time to read carefully the directions in Mr Lea's Manuel you will have everything made very clear. It is the best work I know on the subject for general information.

Seventy five Dollars is less than one half the cost as I had the Cameras & table made for me in high times. They are much finer work than can be found in ordinary stock instruments, of this you are an expert to judge.

Please let me know as soon as they are received & tell me the condition they are in.

Very truly Yours

Wm Rollinson

Philadelphia
Aug 4 1878

Jamestown Journal
119 Jane St. Jamestown N.Y.
1878.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
N.J.

Dear Sir, You have no doubt been too busy to reply to my letters which I took the liberty of addressing to you from Vienna & here at Mexico.

I bought your electric pen in Vienna and am now trying to use it. You have no doubt seen M. Farmer's (Boston) Electric Battery worked with by means of a Bunsen Burner or a Spirits lamp. Could not that be used instead of the double battery you have devised? I wish, if you have no doubt one of these batteries then, you would let me have none here, don't remember exactly how it is constructed.

Also re your Phonograph Program: Why cant you send me one? I am willing to pay $100.- for it

although I am far from being
rich. I have brought from Vienna
two of Prof. Bell's Telephones with
Magneto-Electric Signal Bells &
have lectured & experimented with
them in Gratz (Styria) Klagenfurt
(Carinthia) & here. The noise of
the loose instruments that are
not insulated when the Telephone
is being used on the ordinary Tele-
graphic wires I am attempting
to get rid of by using Water-
Rheostates and have just arrived
at a plan to be made.
I wish I could get one of your
Telephones. W. Puska in Paris
does not even answer my letters
& I dont hear a word what they
are doing there. I am too poor
to go to Paris myself. Living
there is enormously dear and
the presents many from young
there. You will do me a kindness
by answering this letter &
believing me Yours arrangings

L. L. Fleury

Recd June 22 '11

No ans.

Have written Pushaw this date asking if Can sell him phone for $100 or two telephones —

June 4th 1878

Messrs Andrie & Angot of France
called today with the application of
Boston the City of New York
as well as the Great astronomers
who have observed the transit of Venus
in the Rocky Mountains

June 5th 1878 Editors
Committee of Congressional
here to see Congressional

New York Jewish

Chas. Bartholomew.

Please send
[illegible] open roller [illegible] paper
[illegible]

O. T. [illegible]

1 Dried.

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*New-Brunswick, N. J. June 5 1878*

T. A. Edison

My Dear Sir,

As one of the Committee of the N. J. Editorial Association, I had promised myself the pleasure of visiting you, with them, to do, but as Mr Babcock the Sec. of that Association, must be with the Committee and as both cannot well be absent, I shall defer my visit. Having taken some interest in Electricity I am desirous of visiting you and your Laboratory.

To this end, I shall feel obliged if you will name

a day, say next week if convenient to you when I may do myself this pleasure, in company with a friend who is deeply interested in Electrical as a remedial agent.

And if agreeable to you, my wife would be pleased to accompany us. Let your own convenience determine you in this matter.

Very Respectfully

S. L. Johnson

I am very fond of lecturing & desire to see you in relation to bringing the Phonograph before the medical profession of the state & also in relation to phonometry, having experimented some years ago with Scott's Phonautographs & other devices to obtain a proper Phonometer. Now when can I see you? Of course I don't want to take up much of your time. If you will off[illegible] a time & place I shall be happy to come. My own Office hours are [illegible] G. A.M. to 1 P.M.

Respectfully Yours
Louis Elsberg

614 Fifth Avenue

New York June 6 1878.

Mr. Edison
Dear Sir

I called at Office No 203 Broadway this afternoon & was told I could find you here only by appointment. For two months past I have been intending to call upon you with Prof Mabie who wrote the enclosed letter, but who was to accompany me only he was constantly on the wing & left for Europe this morning. I shall mail you an old "Tribune Extra" containing some Popular Medical lectures. I am a physician my specialty being throat diseases, having therefore occasion to do much with the voice etc.

[ENCLOSURE]

814 VIth Av. New York

Office D. & R. G. R.R. Co
17 Courtlandt St

NY Apl. 12/98

My Dear Mr. Edison

Allow me to introduce to you my friend Dr. Elsberg of this city, who desires to make your acquaintance & whom I had intended to accompany to your office personally for this purpose.

The doctor has devoted long & particular attention to matters of the sound & the voice and I am sure you will be glad to meet him.

I intend to do myself the pleasure of calling on you soon before leaving for Colorado

Yrs Truly
W. J. Palmer

City of Richmond.

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The Mercantile Trust Company.
6, Lombard Street, E.C.
Corner of St Swithins Lane.

London 6 June, 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
New Jersey.

My dear Sir:

I confirm your Cable and my reply as per enclosed -

I received also this morning, by accident, a Cable from you to Bailey requesting that Gentleman to call upon me here - I however put the same in train for delivery to Bailey - whose address is at Morley's Hotel - I do not yet know the nature of the business in question -

I await your advices by mail, confirming the Power of Attorney, the placing of the phones in my hands - The following extract from a few the letters from France will interest you:

"Edison's transmitter is a good sound patent but the receiver is a clear infringement of Bell's British patent.
"Edison does not patent it but uses it -
"There is a new telephone coming out which is
"quite independent of Bell's or Edison's and is going to be
"sold for half a guinea - However, I am sick of
"telephones, and wish that they were all at the
"bottom of the Atlantic -"

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I am on the track of the half guinea telephone and will let you know what it is. One thing is evident in telephones. We are bound to immediate benefit from the Post Office or in connection therewith. But I have no doubt of organizing a good strong Company upon the basis of their protecting the patents and furnishing working capital. Was having a show. Would half the net profits. I am inclined to think that this would be the best method of organization at least. And we will submit your plans in a few days. Several very strong parties have signified their desire to cooperate.

Microphone. I am mistaken, though ~~very~~ confidentially, that you have called to the publishers of the paper announcing Prof. Hughes's invention of this. Dr. Brown-Sequard offered half of your claims and asked him if he would like to negotiate for an interest in it in England. Let me without delay all you have to bear upon this question. If you have proofs for your claims, we can easily hold the monopoly, as nobody would be likely to feel that it could make enough out of it to pay for his contesting in the courts. Make up it.

Chacas. I find by correspondence with this gentleman most unsatisfactory. Indeed it can hardly be called correspondence, as he does not answer my letters half the time. He has all gone so far as to as to be would like to sell a part of his entire interest in the phonograph in France & Britain. This does not look much like looking after your interests. I trust you will act promptly in the matter of my ~~[illegible]~~ suggestions in this

connection and put me in a proper position toward
Pattage - Repeating request that you send me a copy of
your Contract with London Mutoscopic Co. without delay
so that I may see whether you are not legally entitled to
a share in receipts from Exhibition of Phenograph -
they proved, if properly handled, to be a source of
large revenue - A friend of mine who is now in
Paris writes me that the Exhibition receipts in Paris
amount to $6000 a fr. 700 per diem. What I want
Pattage to do, is to organize Exhibition lectures all
over the Country - but I cannot perform to move in this
he seems does not avail himself of the services of
two gentlemen who offered to do the business on a
share of the receipts - taking all the risks themselves -
This sort of thing should be encouraged instead of
ignored, as it is at present. Yr Nottage -

Electric pen. Let me know what you are interested are in this
action of America and precisely what your relations
are with Mr Butte - who gives me to understand
that he has the Control of the question on this side,
and can not correspondence with him regarding
a visit to him in the Continent - If you are
interested in the European patents me at once half a
dozen specimens complete, including your new press,
if you have it finished - and I will forward them to
the very best people amongst my acquaintances
in all many of the principal houses in Europe -
and I have no doubt that I can materially help you
Butte or whoever may have the thing in hand,
to realize - Yours

[signature]

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[ENCLOSURE]

Edison to Forrand.
Menlo Park
New Jersey

London

Take charge our telephone
in England. 3 June/78

Forrand to Edison
Menlo Park New Jersey

Accepted

Geo. Forrand
London
5 June/78.

Allegheny Observatory,

Allegheny, Penn'a.

June 7th, 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir.

I endorse a statement such as you ask. I shall be very glad to get the opportunity of trying one of your new heat-indicators — can it be adapted to the purpose of a lunar pile? A very fine platinum wire (connecting bismuth & antimony pieces) is about the size of what is needed (as to proportions) for hunting out invisible spectral lines (this month & this year adopted by Draper). You kindly promised me some specimens of carbon, compressed and in the form of lampblack; if you could send me, since it is four years dies, about 2 in. diameter, coated with "lampblack" from the least volatile to the most volatile substances, I should like very much to measure, accurately the light reflected by each. The surface being so thickly covered that no light could be transmitted.

A still conclusive test will be furnished by the following plan which I pursue here. Take some microscope cover glass, (or thin clear window glass even). Smoke it very lightly and uniformly, so that the eye can easily bear to look at the sun, through it. Do this with each specimen. These specimens I test with transmitted light for the color of the lampblack, which has selected some colors to retain, and allowed others to pass, since it is not an absolute neutral gray.

I shall, of course, if I make any use of the results from such an examination expect to make a proper acknowledgment of what is due; and my only excuse for so troubling you, is that my object is a purely scientific one.

Yours very truly

S P Langley

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65 HENRY STREET.

Brooklyn, N. Y., June 5th 1878

Dear Edison

I was glad to see your article in the Tribune this morning, when I first heard of the Hughes microphone I immediately went through with an elaborated series of experiments in that direction, I came to the conclusion that it was a "dead heat" if I may use the expression, I did not know the details of your experiments, but it was evident that you could not

have accomplished what you have, without going through with all the indecent forms of Hughes experiments. I have learned work myself in the same direction, but from a different standpoint and personally I may share some things when I see you that may interest you. I mean to come down & have a talk with you soon.

Yours

A. K. Eaton

June 10, '78

No ans

JOHN F. BABCOCK,
S. L. JOHNSON,
*Editors and Proprietors.*

**Daily & Weekly Freeionian Office,**

New-Brunswick, N. J. June 8 1878

T. Edison,

My Dr Sir,
not having received an answer to mine of Wednesday last, I write asking that you will name any day but Wednesday next, as I have a convention to meet on that day.

And greatly oblige

Yours truly

S. L. Johnson

1878.

Graphic Office, June 8.

Dear Mr Edison:

Yours of yesterday is at hand. I don't know where I've felt so much like a fool as I do this minute. It did it seem exactly so when I wrote you the other day? But now I feel like a self-avowed fool. It is in my way I suppose my duty to speak to my friends, but I allow my desire to gratify my, perhaps inclination, to get the better of my discretion. Tomorrow, I think we shall come at Monday, or the 3 or 4 or 5 o'clock train, & shall stop at your hospitable hotel — "whether or not Mrs. Edison will like Mr. Croffut — Everybody knows I make welcomes from Graphic today.

Yours W. A. Croffut.

J. C. REIFF,

No. 52 BROADWAY.

J. C. Reiff

New York, Oct 8th 1878

My dear Sir,

I have several more letters about Paris — 250 to 300 to hear —

What have you done in what do you wish me to do?

Gen in Boston Friday thought several parties have Phonograph. It worked well excites a deal of interest —

Saw by your article in Tribune Preed. went back on you —

Who is faithful?

Had a long interview with the young son-in-law — afterwards tried — will report to you early.

Don't get discouraged over Sunfish's decision — I am ready for that but I proved report lies. GBP will get the patent — no mill Nicholson maintains earlier — I may need get up his influence — Yours truly

J C R

Jno Wade
Wright - Stot - Left Morning
~~Wilkins~~
Buck Mentioned

Innsbruck
119 Tremont Str.
June 9th 78.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
N. J.

Dear Sir,

This moment I read in the late Boston Traveller (Mar 21st) your invention of a diaphragm, which attached to the ear will condense sound waves. Now is so to hear the slightest sound. An old lady friend living in our house has by hardship almost entirely lost her hearing. When the weather is dry she hears a little better, but when humid a wet, she hears very little. Now I should like to help this lady very much. I tried the Bell's telephone. But it did not seem to improve her hearing. Please, dear Sir, tell me how I could make a diaphragm to improve her hearing.

or if it is a secret, please
state a price. There are several
persons hard of hearing in this
town to whom such a diaphragm
would prove a great boon. –

I have written to you a few
days ago, upon my letter in your
possession. I have since rec^d.
your lines of May 18^th. I thank
you very much for having
written to Mr. Locke to Paris
again about me; he does not
seem to be inclined to take notice
of my offer. I am now trying
to sell your electric pen and
am every day practising a little
in its use. It is pretty heavy,
and the vibrations of the needle
bring on a cramp, when used
for a longer time. The price
of 175 florins too, is rather too
high for Austria. The Agents
in Vienna, a Mr. Pollack is a
poor man, tries to make the most
of it. – Instead of Edinson I did
like to try a Thomas electric pen
if I could get one. Of your
Phonograph & Aerograph as well
as Telephone I hear nothing
from Paris. As I told you in
my last letter, I should like
to get a loud speaking Telephone
for our fire-department as
well as for the mines. I have
engrained from several government
mines. I have one of Bell's
better Telephones here, it is
better than the German ones
I had before, but does not bring
out the sound. The magnet is
a simple horseshoe

all 3½
long and of little power. The
pieces for a complete set
$165. – or $82½ are considered
too dear for common use.
What do you think of the possi-
bility to get rid of the noises
in the ordinary Telegraph
wires by the use of Chocolate?
I mean simple water the robots.
These sounds are very annoying.

2 Magnets
2 Pillars
2 Sound Tubes

Electricity was ever my favorite study; I rejoice at learning your progress in so practically applying it. I am now applying for the Consular agency in the Tyrol; shall take up the investigation of your inventions in this & the neighbouring countries if there is a possibility to make some kind of arrangement.

Please, dear Sir, let me hear of your success & believe me ever

Yours obliged

A. J. Henry

P.S. I send to you herewith a drawing of the best Electric lamp now used in Vienna. It is sold there for $100 — it is said to give the light of 15 arc burners. The arrangt. seems to be ingenious & clear. —

OFFICE COMM. INTERNAL REVENUE
JUN 8 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

My Joe

I could not get off to come over yesterday - Receipts last 3 days from Stores $2600 & country towns don't come up! Do you want any money before 15th?

Have you made any progress on "are phone"?

Won't the "megaphone" be pirated on by your publicity of it?

Congress adjourns on 17th, & then I will have more time to attend to pushing things!

Is Butch doing anything for me on Telephone? There are more links to be taken out yet! & I want some to sell! I want chance to do something for Butch! on Telephone! That was good letter in Tribune! I am anxious to see their defence!

Yours W A Prince

Woodson & Pierce

Paintes -

Ann & Jennell R.

New York June 9th 1878

Prof. E. Edison Esq

Dear Sir

Recognizing the great benefit to mankind of your late invention of preventing heat can be adapted to the protection of life & property from fire. There are systems now in use for that purpose, but they are far from perfect, and a better one would greatly enrich the inventor.

There were last year about 2,600 millions of dollars insured by companies in this city. The percentage of loss to premiums paid was about 58%.

The loss of life by fire I have no data, but it was large.

The Watkins System has about five mills of Level connection with its circuit. The percentage of loss was for the past year but

1/8 of one per cent on premiums paid
on that class of Risks — The Objection
to that System is that it is too expen-
sive, costing from $300 to $500. for Each
Building of 2 & 1½ Stories — and
this must include its general use —
After five years of Distance it has
but about 400 Blaze on its Lines —
I invited Mr a personal
Conference with you to discuss the
Subject in all its bearings, and if
you will be good enough to grant
me an interview, and fix the
time I will thank you.
I am conscious of sincere
Desire & honest intention and I
might add profitable Mission
than that of directing your late
attention to the purpose named —
the security of life & property —
Yrs Respectfully &c —
Thos D. Rae 1862 2d Ave

737 Broadway, New York,
June 10. 1878.

T. A. Edison, Esq.

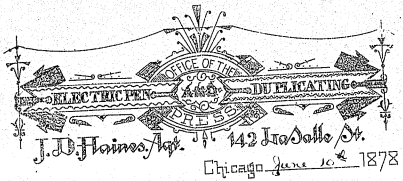
Dear Sir

Will you be at home Thursday morning next? or at what time would it be convenient for you to have a brief interview with you at your place, if Thursday be unsuitable?

Yours Faithfully -

H. D. Drayton.

Ed. Phren. Jour. &c.




Chicago June 10th 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir:

I mail you copy of Chi. Tribune of yesterday.
They are very friendly as will be seen by the Editorial & the Graphic matter.
Reached home all right on
am going to try the Phonograph matter all right.
With partin here going up everything except the day exhibit in Chicago and 5% on the gross receipts in the State.
It is the only way to arrange a better figure which I am anxious to do.
They have promised to make it a Strictly Phonograph exhibit & to push the thing vigorously.

Respectfully
Geo H. Bliss

Allegheny Observatory,

Allegheny, Penn'a.

June. 6. 78.

J. A. Edson Esq

Dear Sir,

I find on my desk to-day a letter I supposed was mailed to you in an envelope to your address, posted yesterday. I do not know what paper was put in by mistake — Please advise me if any was received. I enclose the letter now.

Yours truly

S. P. Langley

Ans'd June 13 78

See letter book

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*New York,*

Mr Day Sweet!

My Dear Sir

I sent you some little time ago some copies of the Chr at Work with an account of my visit to your place, with a friend - an occasion which I presume you have not wholly forgotten even among the numerous callers who find their way to Menlo Park. I ~~had~~ took occasion to

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renew my thanks for the favor of your attention so kindly extended. My especial object just now in writing to you is to say that I recently came across a copy of "Nature" with an article descriptive of the microphone. It was really - at least to my mind - very obscurely written; it seemed as if the writer did not understand what he

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attempted to explain. At an publishers request I reproduced in an paper the substy of the Nature article, & then added something from the London Spectator. Just as I had done in type I saw that you were at work on some such invention; while a cursory reading of the "Nature" article seemed to show that Prof Hughes had appropriated your

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carbon telephone. I had just time to squeeze in a clause saying as much; but forward you the paper from as out. I don't know what progress you are making in your speaking-phone or whatever it be called; but, be sure as you can demonstrate it, if you can endure another visit from me I would be glad if you would

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advice me, in the face
more things than are
dreamt of in any one's
philosophy, in your
laboratory & Edison like
when the Chief Editor wrote
& bound to "invent one"
so soon as your phono-
graph is on the market &
on reasonable terms I
shall get one: & I trust
the article in the form
is sufficiently correct

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to justify the conclusion
that that time is not so
very distant. With hearty
congratulations upon your
success & in somewhat
of a daze over the age
of invention I find myself
in, I am

Yours faithfully
M. H. Bright

Hon. A. Edwin Evans

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., June 11th 1878

U H Painter Esq
Washn D.C.

Dear Sir

Please see inclosed letter. What do you think of it?

Very Truly
T. A. Edison
per G.

My dear E

I don't know who J C Elliott is! Better tell him you are not ready at present to make any trade on it - will file his letter & if decide to receive propositions on it.

U H P.

Answered Elliott June 13
See letter book S Lly

[ENCLOSURE]

Lemuel W. Serrell's

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American & Foreign Patents,

76 CHAMBERS STREET,

(P. O. Box 4689.)

New York, June 10th 1876.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

I send below a copy of a communication received this morning from Mr. J. C. Elliott, in relation to your "Telescophone"

Yours truly

Lemuel W. Serrell

W. McFarey

"I wish you would say to Mr. Edison the first opportunity you have, that I would like an interview with him in relation to his "Telescophone", before he makes any definite arrangement for putting it into the market for practical use, as I think I can furnish the means and business capacity to do so, greatly to his advantage, and I think

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with profits to myself....."

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY,

GARDINER G. HUBBARD, President.

Washington, D.C. June 12 1878

Dear Mr. Edison

I understand that at Mr. Prescott's request, you wrote a chapter on your Telephone for the book recently issued by him, on the Telephone & Phonograph.

Mr. Lamb informs me that in this article you repeated the fact which you have so freely expressed to me and others - that you regarded Mr. Bell as the original inventor of the Telephone - & that this sentence was eliminated by Mr. Prescott.

I will be much obliged if you will allow me to publish this fact under my own signature

You have made so many

invention that this acknowledgement of the originality of Mr. Bell's invention ~~invention~~ of the Telephone adds luster to your name.

I trust you will go on making still further inventions & receive the reward of renown and pecuniary profit you richly deserve.

I am
Truly your friend
Gardiner G. Hubbard

Do you want any more Photographs?
A. G. B.

W- 6-12-78

My Dear

I think you are in error if you think Bell owned himself here anything to do with any attempt to pilfer from you one iota of your honors - I know he told Mr H. ~~that~~ before he left for Europe that there was only one man in the world that he feared would be able to make on the Telephone & that was Edison. I know his letters have been full of admiration of your genius in the Phonograph & full of anticipations of a personal acquaintance on his return this summer -

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He had to sell a large share of his Telephone Patents here to get money to take out Patents in Europe & to go over himself & introduce them - He took the control of his Telephone in England by being courted & fêted by those identified men who are now trying to steal yours - all these facts I have gathered from time to time & they are not consistent with his aiding to strip you of your honor & your property. I met Mr Bell here several times in 77 & was very much impressed with his candor, his simplicity & his conscientiousness - I hope you will go slow in making up any adverse

opinion on him - I can't see how Hughes & Preece dare to put in any such claim! They are men of intelligence & must know a lie cannot live! I think the papers must have got it wrong somehow - anyhow let any new thing out till I get over next week - keep quiet, till we see the whites of their eyes!

P.S. - Since writing the above Mr Hubbard stopped in my office & I read him your letter! He says "Tell Edison that Preece has served him precisely as he served Mr Bell, & Mr Bell falls very hard against McPreece & Mr Hughes - I rather



guess that Preece is the Prescott of England - "a sucker" & "a fraud" -

I will be over next week & have full talk with you over all these things! Congress adjourns on 17th & then I'll be foot loose for a while -

We find Cheever has no idea of the value of money & wants to do for a business manager & will make other arrangements.

I'll get you some data for your pamphlet on Preece as to his trying to & claiming the Priority over Bell

I see in Prescott's book he

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treats of the "Duoemplex as used by W.W." – and evidently tries to leave the impression that it is his! combination!!

Suppose you put another chapter in, & give him a lively turn!

Do you want any more money before I come on about the 15th?
We have about $1,000. more ready for you ~~now~~ in Phila'.

Phila' show keeps up pretty well here – Barker & Beatty minded Phila as a "fair town" –

Do you want any more stories? those cost – 35 cts a piece c.o.d

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May squeeze out some more if you do – Its duller now so a whole edition of a paper disappears!

You ought to close your doors as mends to all strangers, & only show your hand when you are ready for the market & then its too late for thieves to pick you up –

Yours
W A Rainier

ANSON STAGER, Pres't.
EMORY M. BARTON, Sec'y

*Office of*

# *Western Electric Manufacturing Co.*

*230 to 232 Kinzie Street. Chicago.*

GEORGE H. BLISS, Gen'l Agt.
ELISHA GRAY, Electrician.

JUNE 14, 1878

THOS. A. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK
N. J.

DEAR SIR:---

IN SHOWING THE CARBON TELEPHONE AND THE MICROPHONE,-- SO CALLED,-- AT THE MEETING OF THE CHICAGO ELECTRICAL SOCIETY ON THE 20-TH INST, I SHOULD BE GLAD IF I COULD STATE WHETHER OR NOT PROF. HUGHES HAS DONE ANYTHING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE MICROPHONE THAT YOU HAD NOT ALREADY DONE YOURSELF.

HAVE YOU MADE ANY DIAPHRAGMLESS TELEPHONES WITH CARBON? ABOUT WHEN? &C.

I DON'T IMAGINE THEY ARE GOOD FOR ANYTHING AS TELEPHONES, BUT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO THE SOCIETY TO HAVE IT STATED, IF YOU ARE SO DISPOSED, WHAT YOUR RELATION IS TO THE MICROPHONE.

YOURS TRULY,

Emory M. Barton,

SEC'Y

Letter from
James J. Collins
N.Y. Herald
June 14th

& reply same
date

Herald Office. N.Y.
June 14th 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
N.J.

Dear Sir.

The ladies of the Convent of the Sacred Heart of this City have made inquiry through our managing editor Mr Conery, as to the possibility of securing from you an exhibition of the Phonograph, similar to that you gave at Mount Saint Vincent. Will you kindly inform if it is possible to arrange such an exhibition and the terms on which it could be done. I am anxious that it should take place for many reasons, and as this

Community ranks as the most influential in the Country. Besides I would like to have an occasion for further description of the Phonograph & Thermopile which it would furnish.

Please keep me thoroughly posted so far as you desire to do so on the progress of your controversy with Hughes. Mr Comery is desirous of supporting your just claims with all the force the Herald can give to them - The piracy is so scandalous that it should be opposed in every way -

Very truly yours

Jerome J. Collins

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., June 14 1878

Jerome J. Collins Esq.
N.Y. Herald

Dr. Sir,

Your favor of this date just rec'd. Mr Edison is enjoying himself in the wilds of Penna hence I cannot reply definitely in regard to the Exhibition at the Convent of the Sacred Heart. Please write me the date they desire to have the Exhibition - let it be after next Tuesday, as he will not return before that time. There will be no expense further than those incidental - that is to say, car fares for assistants &c a mere nominal sum.

I am sure Mr Edison would thank you and feel gratified at your kind

offer to support his claims in the Herald in the Hughes controversy There is nothing to be said just at present, but we are preparing papers which will show the matter in a light which will reflect no credit on Hughes Present &c

Very Truly
A. L. Griffin

British Association for the Advancement of Science.

MEETING IN DUBLIN IN 1878.

Mansion House.
Dawson Street.
Dublin 14th June 1878

Sir

We are instructed by the Executive Committee to inform you that the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science will be held on the 14th and following days of August next, in the City of Dublin.

The Executive Committee will make arrangements to receive you as one of their guests, in case you should be disposed to favour Dublin with your presence during the meeting

We hope that it will suit your convenience to be present. early intimation

of which we requested when a Card of invitation and other information will be forwarded to you

We have the honour to be, Sir
Your faithful Servants
H. Tarpey Lord Mayor Chairman
R. S. Ball F.R.S.
John Norwood L.C.C.
James Epps
Geo. Sigerson M.D.
Hon Secs

Thomas A. Edison Esq
New York

June 1878

[FROM WILLIAM K. APPLEBAUGH]

Managers,
THEODORE L. ROOSEVELT,
CHARLES A. CHEEVER.

P. O. Box 6639.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW YORK,

203 BROADWAY,

New York June 14th 1878

Friend Edison -
Mr Barron of the White Mountains has just been here and says he can arrange for passes for you & to Bellows Falls Vt. & return, he thinks he can arrange for the balance of the distance also - He promises a nice quiet time. trout fishing &c &c and will show as many points of interest such as the trout hatching springs - ponds &c. lots of drives and in fact a royal good recreation - He further extends the invitation to include our wives & children and specially urges that we allow them to go up before if they wish to have the benefit of the mountain air - He will keep them at his private house with his own family and let them make themselves at home - this is extremely very liberal on his part - what do you think of it? I would rather take my family (if they go at all) along with us - Mr Barron says stay as long as we wish & it will cost us nothing and he guarantees that we will all be more than pleased -

What do you say?

Yours
AB

July 15th is the time to start. train leaves 3 pm.

Let me know what you think of telling the family and I will get them provided all the passes AB

Dave Avery

TELEPHONE 1000.

# Office of AVERY & MURPHY,

Manufacturers of and Wholesale Dealers in

# LUMBER & LATH.

No. 1 SECOND FLOOR MOFFATT BLOCK
CORR. OF FORT & GRISWOLD STS.

NEWELL AVERY.
SIMON J. MURPHY.

Detroit Mich. June 1st 1898

Friend Al

I wish you would write me care of Taylors Hotel Jersey City. What days you will be at home next week if at all. As I am going East and expect to have time enough to call and look over your tracks if agreable to you

Yours Truly
Dan Avery

Boston June 13.78
Geo. Simmons
Amd June 19.78

Boston June 15th/78

Prof Thos A Edison.

Dear Sir

A young Gentleman has concluded an arrangement with Mr McMahon in behalf of the Ladies & Gentlemen Committee of the Old South Preservation Committee whereby we have become possessed of the right to exhibit your wonderfull invention for the benefit of our fund. I very earnestly desire to make your acquaintance. It would give me great pleasure if you would be persuaded to leave your

work for a few days, with your family and visit me at my home at Ashant where I can promise you the quiet and seclusion you like. I am assured you will find my house at your disposal for such time as will best suit your convenience during the present month of June.

Yours Very Sincerely

L. A. Simmons.

W. 6-17-78

My dear Jones in relation to the — letter come OK - I sent Chase up to see him as he knows him, & he reports that he has no machine, & is a theorist who is groping in the dark, he is "getting up a patent application" (but is not going to get any patent.) I don't think there is anything in his views & "chase" thinks he is a humbug -

I enclose an item about a fizzle here last night - He had a Phelps telephone, & some new management of your Musical telephone - He is a burglar of the worst kind! I



did not go myself - but I had a friend there who did & he did not think the men will ever make a success of it - What is the trouble in regard of it?

We want to get up a series of lectures this fall showing your various inventions & such failures will injure us -

Am glad you made off for a little trip, & want to have you & Mrs E. — go down to see Chase & watch Hill in August with me -

I will probably be in N.Y. Friday or Saturday - Expect up pretty well about 8/10 for my entire health - W.H.P.

THE "HYDROSTATIC" JOINT, FOR GAS AND WATER MAINS. PATENTED, DEC. 11, 1877.

**WILLIAM PAINTER,**

44 HOLLIDAY STREET,

PATENTED IN GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, BELGIUM, GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

Baltimore, June 18 1878.

Mr. T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

How can your carbon dust be utilized in making concrete rapidly? I think you are supposed to have said it could be employed for that purpose. I understand change of pressure causes a fluctuation in the current, but could the pressure be so much varied (without breaking contact) as to interrupt a current entirely?

I want one for a commutator, and if your discovery can be utilized without encountering the usual difficulties in commutators running at high speed, it would be much pleased to avail of such valuable property. If you will favor me with a reply I shall return it most highly.

Yours Very Truly
W. Painter

The pressure can be varied by
Compressing the carbon with
varying degrees of strength

It can be used for
Pressure of gas, fluids, water &c

Tower Oil Well
7 New Church St
New York, June 18 1878

Illuminating
Inner Vessel Oil
300° Fire Test
Golden Light Safety Oil
300° Fire Test
Lubricating
Mineral Cylinder,
Machinery Engine and
White Cylinder
Oils.

T. A. Edison Esq
My dear Sir –

The enclosed item pleased me and I think it will you, Poets and Artists catch at new ideas – as you see, "Turn it again"

Will you – please enclose to me, addressed to this old Lady, 78 years old – Mrs Roxanna White an Autograph Letter, acknowledging the receipt of the Parlor three ball, made in Red White & Blue, for the fortunate great T. A. Edison Jr – and greatly oblige

Sincerely Yours
J. M. Tower –

[ENCLOSURE]

## Time's Graveyard.

[From the poem read by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes at the Phillips Academy Centennial Celebration.]

Once more to Time's old graveyard I return
And scrape the moss from memory's dotted urn,
Back to those days when all things set up steam,
Beside the stage-coach with its four horse team?
Its sunset-painted, its morning-painted sign?
Or the old landlord, solemnize our dim,
Who left our old inn for a new abode,
And raced his stage post farther down the road?
Or the wonders of the dark Hawaiian
Do the pilgrims and their sons think they're clean?
Or Brainerd, coward, to the far-off Indian ridge,
Or Boutwell, coward, to the far-off Indian bridge,
Or a trip to yonder case the story lack
Of the broad stream, the mighty Merrimack?
Are the Indian relics from that strange beyond,
Where distant beards to Times or Augusta's pond,
Or where the legendary cases
"Pro forma's earlier tenant—"Jean-Jacques Fabre"
Ah, every nook there's youthful feet explore,
Just as the curiosities did of yore;
So all life's opening minutes where memories lie
Their father's feet, the children's feet, retrace
Still the round century's five score years away,
Until from our storied nest that confines day
Pre-Adam, for them, to us see life now—
Thus young Rhinebeck—Dutch, Indian, Quaker brew),
In Dutchess county or Old World ancestry—
And sees for Rhinbeck's whites, the benchies show
Where the Dutch dominies, the very boys we know,
Those weeks drained, the very boys we know,
And swung the gnoll, what time, not since I trod the groom
Just or me what will—the sky limit' may rail,
As things of course the boy accepts them all.
Ah, where the rattling chaise, drawn by steeds of dance,
For daily use our fine-looking millions claim;
Use free we love a supplanted, the Dutch, Quaker
Do more the sorgeon have the author's grasp
When unsoft historian wrapped injudicious lay
Or the Dutch dominies have blest them to the day!
Your Rhinbeck square, and says it well, my lad,
The pen is mentalline, and the sword is mental;
Great is the pomegnill, my sad! Amen!
Some lines the mode is mightier than the pen;
Ah, where the Dutch dominies well were rated,
Ah, where that cracker—Sam Blanchy's palace blazed,
Unsurtie Mycenae reflected, Dutch Quaker
Unlady he fathers, that immortal boy,
A new Prometheus tips our wands with fire,
Ah, where the Dutch dominies the whipping wire,
Where lightning the tinsels the hay windy course
And heals the Dutch dominies, the Dutch Quaker sick,—
So earth, in truth, we sandy dust a plane
But those dim fictions known as date and space,
Ah, where the Dutch dominies, the Dutch Quaker
Son at his wonders, distant of the ashes,
Who creations Burns, Dutch Quaker, Dutch Quaker
And sends the secret of the solar times,
Hush! while the window-rattling bugles play
The nation's sire a hundred miles away!
Hush! hush! stenograph! hush! now is swoons!
Turn to the Dutch dominies, Dutch Quaker
And was it true, then, what the story said
Of Oxford's friar and his brazen head?
While wondering science stands, herself perplexed
Ah, Dutch dominies, and asks "what next?"
Ah, Dutch dominies, Dutch Quaker, Dutch Quaker
Stream from his face to "stick the fellow bolt"
Glowing with his bending ear his glittering eyes,
With sinewy arm the dashing comet leaves,
The same bright creature in those hamsts of ours
Ah, Dutch dominies, Dutch Quaker, Dutch Quaker
Boy! Where is he? the long-thin-bearded inquires,
Where his rough chin with manly pride retires?
Ah, where the rattly cheek no longer glows,
When the bright hair is white as winter snows,
Where the bright hair is white as winter snows,
Sweet to the ear well be its mellow tones!
Nor think the difference mighty or the same
Between life's morning and its evening dreams;
Four score, like twenty, has its tasks and toys;
In earth's wide schoolroom all are girls and boys;

FROM

J. M. TOWER,

*No. 9 New Church Street,*

NEW YORK.

PHARMACY SQUARE,

NEW YORK, June 19th 1878

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 17th I find on my return from Newhaven this A.M. I am obliged for your courtesy and would be glad to avail myself of an early appointment but I believe that both Dr & I will be better served if the date should be say 26th or 27th of this month -

With respects yours -

Theo: R Davis -

If a later date is more convenient please inform me -

Bartlett & Bentley
have a Phonograph
but is placed in front
of Barber's Tent
The Phonograph was in
charge of Edison II

My dear E

W-6/19-78

Is there any way to
muzzle Barber. He is a cheap
man after money & never says
divide to you, or gives you the
credit you are entitled to -
We want to get up a first
class set of lectures built on

you imaginations & if such
men as Barrie double stuff
the novelty off in advance
we can make you lots of
money & make you claims
first before 500 audiences
of 500 to 1500 each between
now & next April & just
heap of money in you offers.

Write me when you return
& I will be over Friday or
Saturday -

Yours
Valentine

[JUNE 19, 1878]

[JAMES ADAMS TO CHARLES BATCHELOR, WITH UNDATED ATTACHMENTS]

Paris June 18th 1878

Mr Chas. Batchelor

Dear sir read your long letter to day you ask me why the devil I don't mention our first telephone my dear fellow I have been in fortune ever since Microphone has been spoken about for I talk plain, I did not feel like going for Preece direct owing to how I was placed having depending on him for wires and assistance to carry out my experiments now I am at liberty to speak as I feels and as for my memory this Microphone business has refreshed it pretty well as I have been through the whole thing, and talked it up to Preece and everyone around him from the letter A. to Z. now I shall publish

[JUNE 19, 1878]

[JAMES ADAMS TO CHARLES BATCHELOR, WITH UNDATED ATTACHMENTS]

what I know about Microphone in the French & English Press

this is tuesday our tests comes off before the jury on friday morning between the Exhibition and Varsellles I have got two men with me laying underground wires I think there will be about 4 or 5 miles underground and the rest on poles I think the distance is between 20 & 30 miles,

P. S. if it dont come off red Hot & sulphur you fellows over there will give me hell. I am not very strong yet and when I aright comes I feel like going to bed. tell Nellie I am Red. Hot.

Yours as ever Jim

if you get more money than you want send me some

Preece asked me if I wanted any more just ask him but I thanked him and told him I had plenty

James Adams
C/o Thos Perkins Esq
No 1 Rue de la Bourse
Paris

Chas Batchelor

[ATTACHMENT]

To Batchelor

I am having some fun here, I was experimenting here the other day on a long wire with plenty in direction to test the Short-tra transmitter that you sent me but found troubles on mine could get it all right one way but not the other did not know that till next day, so at the time I thought some one was putting up a jet on me, and as Roosevelt was waiting for the wire I put it up to him but he could do nothing with it till half an hour afterwards, so it came all right and then he could work as well as his Oklahoma

[ATTACHMENT]

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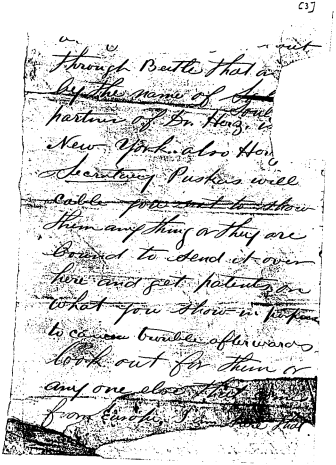
would permit so I thought I would have a hand in too. I took an Electric Pen and a vibrating sounder, connected the Pen to sounder with Battery Current of induction coil and put back in my pocket, so next day they came to me and said you had trouble but you ought to have heard it ~~[illegible]~~, it was just like same as we was crossed with every wire in France the induction was so strong ~~that you could not hear~~ the telephones to your ears. I said I was very glad that I had given it up. So Pashen and me have got good laugh about it every night. So I went to the other end of line to day and found trouble in battery, they did not hook the best transmitter I ever saw. Bang up. Prominent wire to-day some experiments to day on a long return wire ~~[illegible]~~. I went in the middle of it and struck a ground only and there was so much induction that they gave it up as there all peup here and would never find it out.

Dear Hanna Got the only telephone that will work, I have that Prominent would scream as Edwin telephone and me in the hot country than out so (1).

[ATTACHMENT]



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Through Battle that a
~~By the name of~~ Co
Partner of Dr. Hertz
New York. also Ho
Searching Pusher will
~~Cable present to show~~
them anything or they are
bound to send it over
here and get patents on
what you show in Europe
to Common trouble afterwards.
Look out for them or
any one else
from Europe

[ATTACHMENT]

has
for ...
[4]
he was only going
to see America, but
it is too thing look out
yourself. I know the
man well, met him often
he is one of the men that
has his name figuring in
the Pen business, for Hog.
write a fellow sometimes
and let a fellow know
what you are doing
I have got quite a laboratory
[illegible] from my share
[illegible] you
got a lot of [illegible]
holiday. Yours truly

Trinchinetti
119 Fourth Ste
Troy 19th 878.

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park
N. J.

Dear Sir, I took the liberty of writing to you last week. Since then I have read the report of Prof. Huxley before the Royal Society on Hughes Microphone. At the same time I received the Sci. Am. giving an article on Mr. Hughes & your discoveries. The property of carbon to gather the waves of sound, heat and electricity has first been discovered by yourself, as can clearly be proved by an article in the Sci. Am. of July 28 1877. - What an immense field for investigation you have thereby unlocked!
Now my dear Sir, I come to you with a very impertinent

question. My Son, now only 21 years of age, is partner of Mr. Charles Viendl, Zither manufacturer in Vienna (where the best Zithers in Europe and world) and the idea strikes me, that your Telephonoscope might prove a very valuable Patent to be put into all musical Instruments. I should like to get a little advantage of my boy, and come to ask you, if you will allow us to experiment in that direction, or, if you have already covered this ground in your Patent Application to let me hear a share, if not, the control of the Austrian Patent for the same. Should you have found something already to that effect – i.e. strengthening the sound of String instrument please let me know how far you have succeeded.

I also come to ask, if your Telephonoscope will improve the sound of the Bell Telephone, I have your course answer to that effect with the Bell Tel: Co. – I should be most happy to take your Telephones in hand, specially for musical purposes & introduce them into practice, but to my great regret I get no answer from Mr. Brooks, nor do I know, in whose hands the Austrian Patent has been placed, so as to enable me to write to him. – I enclose my first trial with your pen. I have to practice considerably before I shall have a clear print. If the apparatus were sold cheap say $30.– $40.– a number might be sold, but very few can afford the price of $85.–!! as the for Pollock sells it in Vienna. – Mr. is the chief Agent

For the Rev. Paris.

Oh how I wish I could go to visit the Exhibition in Paris! but as I cannot find anyone to pay my expenses, or to go on any other ground, I cannot afford it, and so I shall have to stay at home.

Please, dear Sir, excuse my liberty & write soon to your troublesome lady

admirer

A. L. Henry

Innsbruck June 19th 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park.
N.J.

Dear Sir,

It gives me much pleasure to write this letter to You, the Inventor of the Electric Pen.

Could I only induce You to send one of Your Phonographs to this town together with Your last Invention, the Telephonoscope or as Mr. Hughes calls it, the Microphone I am anxious to learn if You have received my last letter I have written to You last week.

From Paris I hear nothing, Mr Puskas has answered none of my letters, You did not give me his precise adress.

Hoping to hear from You soon I remain, dear Sir,

Yours Truly

H. L. Fleury

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
TORONTO.

June 19th 1878

Dear Sir

I am obliged by your letter of the 15th inst and shall await with interest result of experiments

I have noted the answer of your agent, kindly furnished

Yours faithfully

W Forsyth Grant

Professor
J. C. Adams

Private

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dr. Sir —

If convenient and in accordance with your views would you oblige me by giving me an order on Mr C. A. Cheever for $75. in settlement for Photographic Material &c

Yours 20th ult.

Very truly

Wm. Butler Jr.

Sent order June 20 '78

Recd June 21 78

See letter book

22 Liberty St.
Brooklyn L.I.
June 20th 1878.

— Edison Esq.
Sir.

I respectfully beg leave to offer you my services to introduce your Telephone and other inventions into China and Japan. I am a Telegraphist of twelve years standing, and have recently returned from Japan where, I have been employed by the Government instructing the Natives in Telegraphy. I can speak the language, and am well acquainted with many high Officials there. I have also lived in India, and in fact am well known throughout the East.

I am quite confident that I could make a good business for you in all those places, and if you should see fit to entertain the idea, you will find me a valuable servant.

Begging the favor of a reply.

I am, Sir
Yours Respectfully
Alfred Nixon

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Mr S L Griffin

New York June 20th 1878

Sir

In answer to yours of 19th inst. we would state that we are not Manufacturers but Importers of Barometers, in regard to the American Barometers we do not sell them because we cannot recomend them, there is very few of them sold. In regard to Mr Edison discoveries in that direction we would like very much to see it and if it will work equal to the celebrated H. P. B. N. Barometer of French Manufacture we we would like to take hold of it as our Business is supplying dealers with Instruments and have correspondence with them all over the Country. If it is a success we might take hold and manufacture them as we have a Shop laying idle on account of the depression in the Shipping trade hopeing to hear from you again we remain

Respectfully Yours

Robt Merrills Sons
179 Water St
New York

P. O. Box 5329.

**The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,**

203 BROADWAY,

New York, June 21st 1878

Thos A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir.

I have just recd your order in Mr Chesney for $75 — in settlement in full for Phonograph Material for which accept my thanks & believe me

Very truly yours

A. McTaggart Jr

C. GEIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, June 27 — 1878

My dear Edison

Griffen called today
has gone to Brooklyn to see about
the prints. If they are not satisfactory
we shall look further.

It is an infamous shame that the
young ladies for whom you have done so
much for nothing should hound
E.H.J. sue him & finally compel
him to pay an unjust debt or
allow his little phonograph interest
to be confiscated.

E.H.J. had to borrow $230 today to keep it
or lose his stock —

By the way read your criticism on
Preece & Hughes — the conduct of
Preece as you state it, is quite consistent
with what Mottern wrote, when he said
Preece told him you had no interest
in Quadruplex there, that it was Gram-
& Russell. You remember you laughed

Mottern writes you are in correspondence with Preece.
We want the expressions of the newspapers on this
point in Europe & America. Send us all you can
Yours
C. Geiff

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, June 3rd 1878

My dear Edison

Yours of 17th recd.

Col Gouraud negotiated the matter with the Postal authorities in connection with Mess Smith, Fleming & Co.

I understood at the time from Gouraud that the P.O. authorities agreed to pay the cost of the instrumentation if it proved successful.

If course you know it was eminently successful.

My letter Books are full of a voluminous correspondence upon the subject, which you can look over at any time.

I see it reported you are going to Colorado with Barker, is it so?

If so, will it interfere with our proposed trip to Lake Superior?

Yours J C Reiff

Glad to learn from McGrotta that you health is improved.

S. P. Langley

Allegheny Observatory,

Allegheny, Penn'a.

June. 22. 78.

My dear Sir.

Please receive my thanks for the Carbons, which came duly and for your promised tesimeter which I shall have great pleasure in testing. I expect to go in the beginning of July, to observe the solar Eclipse; if the tesimeter arrived this month. I might perhaps be able to put it to practical trial at once in Eclipse work.

Truly Yours

S. P. Langley

T. A. Edison Esq

P.S. About one half of the Carbons arrived uninjured.

W. C. Crosby Jr. Pres't. — C. B. Crowles Vice Pres't.

# The Ansonia Clock Co.

Nos. 19 & 21 Cliff Street.

A. A. Crowles Secy & Treas. — H. J. Davies, Gen'l Supt.

New York June 22 1883.

S. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favors &c received — I have been out of town or would have attended to the matter sooner.

By express I forward you samples of different kinds of clocks that we have been trying. Will you come down to Menlo Park a few days and talk it over.

Yours truly

Wm. J. Davies

*The rapid increase in interest throughout the country, has made a third enlargement of office facilities necessary. After Dec. 20, the Bureau will occupy the large office second story 32 Hawley St.*

MELVIL DEWEY, SECRETARY.

Organized by
ADVOCATES OF THE METRIC SYSTEM.

*This Bureau depends upon the active co-operation of every educator and friend of the reform.*

It will endeavor to have the System taught in the schools; introduced into factories, shops, and homes; used in markets and stores; and

URGED UPON PUBLIC ATTENTION,

until Americans join the rest of the civilized world in the exclusive use of the

International Decimal System
OF
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

AMERICAN

METRIC BUREAU,

~~1 TREMONT PLACE,~~

Boston, June 22 1875.

Mr. J. A. Edison

Dear Sir: I beg to call your attention in behalf of this society to the importance of using the international measures in your world famous inventions & experiments. Proud as we all are that you are an American we are not so blind as to wish ~~it~~ our own measures to stand in the way of the uniform adoption. I enclose a letter which is suggestive. It comes from a very competent engineer.

I should not be at all surprised, if you had long ago anticipated my suggestion because of the greater convenience of working in the metric system. If desired, we shall be happy to afford all desired information & documents.

Very truly
Melvil Dewey

Brooklyn June 25 78
Mrs A D Coburn
Mrs Ans

Brooklyn June 25th 1878

T. A. Edison.
Dear Sir

Never was money received at its destination that was more needed & at the exact moment; as was yours. But one farthing in the house, and I did not know where anything for relief was coming, & we almost turned into the street. My dear Husband & myself was praying that God would send some friend to our relief, & he answered our prayer by sending Thomas Edison as our Benefactor. I cannot thank you enough.

It is now over three years that my Husband has been afflicted, and for over six months he has not been

Mr Ans

able to earn scarcely anything, as he has been so ill, and shape as we are in, and the suffering of mind for want of funds, none but God knows, and yet in my own home are "Inventions" of my husband who has not been able to do on account of affliction and no means to bring them to the front." that would make us independant; still, we are here almost forgotten. My heart cannot express its full thankfullness for the money you so kindly sent to our aid. We stand in need of temporary relief from some kind friends while my husband is restored to health.

May God bless and prosper Mr. Bachelor & both yourself & family. is the sincere prayer of

Yours most truly,
Mrs. A. D. Coburn.

"We have removed to
No 161 Harrison Ave
Brooklyn.
N.Y.

J. Carle Barron

Delavan Wis
June 23rd

Dear Sir

Friend Al

I suppose you will be a little surprised to hear from me, you have no doubt nearly forgotten me I have frequently seen your name in the News papers in connection with items of your success with your inventions I see your Father I think it was 3 years ago at the Justice House when he was at Port Huron on a visit he told me allabout your business affairs how successfull you was

getting along with your
Invention. your Manufacturing. & Labeling. your Business &c. I see by your late
Invention. the Phonograph
your Name. is becoming Popular in this section of the
World. when I reflect back
think back of our Boyhood Days. that we pinned
together on the old Farm
as Farm Boys. how I used
to change Trains with you
at Mount Clements when
you was learning. Telegraphy
&c. the thought came to me
that possibly you might
answer a letter to me
& maby assist me, me in
than hard time. I ~~dont~~
suppose the Depression of
Money has not have ~~on~~
the effect upon you &
your business. as it
has upon most. Manufacturers. & the Laboring class
of people. business of all
Description is very dull
in this section of the Country. I have been up in
the World. as we would term
it twice since I have
seen you. I was Burned out
in Chicago at the time of the
big Chic Fire - also Burned
out of every thing I possessed in Bellefaunie Iowa in
1875. I have started my self
in business, by my own
exertions with out the assistance of a penny from
any one twice. but Fortune
has ~~has~~ frowned upon me
I suppose you have heard

through Pitts. People that I was Married. have been Married. 5 years. have two boys, one. 2 years & 7 months and the youngest 7 months. And the Misfortune to lose our little Girl. I have shared times at present am working at any Trade paperhanging Painting &c. have no time of my own for the mental work when I can get it takes all can get to help family in food. I did not know. that you could give me a situation to work. to sell Goods for you or something. to do I dont mind what if there is an honest humble living to be made. please write me at least & let me

know what the prospects are. I shall be glad to hear from you no matter. what the case may be for Old Sequaintance sake I am glad you have met with such success through Life when I think of you in your present. position & look at my self in my humble Situation it reminds me of the Old adelage that this World has its ups & downs. I hope to hear from you soon. my adress is Delaware Walworth Co Wi.

T. A. Edison

J. Earle Barron

OFFICE
OF THE
**Progress Machine Works.**

A. & F. BROWN,
Nos. 57, 59 & 61 Lewis Street,
NEW YORK.

New York, June 23 1879

Mr Addison

Dear Sir:

I regret to inform you that your worthy friend Mr James James died very suddenly this morning at his late residence 320 East 18th St.

Funeral will be notified in papers

Yours truly
Fidelia Brown

Walter Steinhoff

Hudson Mich June 24. 1878

Friend Edison

The last time I had the pleasure of seeing you was at Pittsburg in 73 while you was there with Barnight & the Automatic. I went from there to the oil regions and made some money & came from there here and went into business for myself & have lost & am losing it as fast as possible. Now I have to go back to Telegraphing again if I can get a job

I have tried all over here so far without success and as I know you have great influence I thought perhaps you would help me to a situation. Gillilland is quite well and has promised to do all he can for me. A Job I much have that night off. If you have time please drop me a line and let me know the prospects.

I would not trouble you as I know you are driven with business

but I want a job bad. Would like one with the A. & P. I can give good satisfaction. Excuse the liberty I have taken. Hoping to hear from you soon

I am Your obt Servt

Walter Steinhoff

Wm Cammings Esq

Scranton June 24 / 78

Thomas A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 21 received. Since writing my last I think that the Spectroscope could be omitted, and a wheel or zoetrope of glass with colored segments arranged in the order of their heating capacity, this to be revolved slowly behind a small circular aperture for the light to come through. This aperture to be opposite the outside of the wheel thus ⊛ the small circle at the top represents aperture. this could be filled with a convex lens.

In the case of registering heat heats the only way to get at it that I can see, would be to strap a belt around the wrist of the subject, ~~two~~ the outside of this belt should be non-elastic the inside

the lining to be of flexible material, and the button between two plates; and ~~to~~ a small steel press on the pulse ~~like~~ the greatest difficulty would be caused I think by the heat of the subject interfering and changing the resistance, if that was regular and all other conditions the same it could be got at.

But it is as you remark, it does take time, and a great many unforseen obstacles has to be overcome, especially in delicate experiments, but perseverance will fitt it if the principle be correct.

With respect to the governor question the simplest way I see now for it, is to get an ordinary sounder and fix the carbon button where the snap is now i.e. ~~on~~ the front of the armature lever, the front part of lever to be lengthened to make a scale beam with a small sliding weight, tighten the

the adjusting spring at the back of the lever, so as to put such pressure on the carbon that you can again overcome it with the weight on beam, then slide the weight out to suit, and I think that would give the desired effect.

My occupation at present is managing a small co-operative store, my previous occupation has been, working at the coal mines in various capacities, but I have no regular trade at command, and that is the reason some few years since that I commenced to study galvanism for I had an idea that there was plenty of room, and by getting a rough idea of it, it might be of service to me in the future, so I made a hobby of it and lacking the necessary ~~is~~ fixings ~~[illegible]~~ for but few experiments I had to make it up in theory what

what I was unable to carry out in practice

But I am a poor hand to get ideas on paper and trust to your long experience to connect them so as to get the gist of what is intended.

I hope that you will pardon this long crude rigmarole, and let me know if am presuming too much on your patience.

Yours Respectfully

Henry May

P.S. I see we are getting "contact resistance" in the telephonic arrangements now.

In your delicate experiments do you use the same current or circuit to operate the phonograph. If so, would it not be better to arrange it so that the operating circuit should only be required to vary one of your primes, like the relay and local. I think it could be so arranged.

Friend Edison

I enclose a cable I have just received for you, also a copy of one sent to Prescott. I need scarcely say that I shall be pleased to act any repl for you - let me know if you get these OK. I see you are going to Colorado, how long will you be absent? I hope to see Blake in Boston next week - Murchard has arrived OK and is off to Dryden

The Madras – Penang section
in about a week –

Papers say you have
been sick... hope you are
not working too hard.
Have ok again –

Yours.
G G Ward

18 Broad St.
N.Y.
24 June 78

24 June 78
G G Ward

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Oct June 8

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London J. Pricelb
Ny.

In what countries other than England have patents been taken out
Mail complete schedule patents comprised
in Orton trust deed formation International
Company with strong Board contemplated
to work all such things. Council of Electricians
proposed comprising lights of the profession
in several countries. Will you serve in this
also as Chairman American Committee

Gouraud

(21100-21-1)

No. 1

(Service Message Form.)

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited.

NEW YORK STATION, 24 June 1878

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| London | T A Edison Menlo Park N J |

Letter June 9 Received. expedite 3
documents - Cable authority to take highest
English Counsels opinion this only and this 9
Certainly can enable putting public right 13
and probating patents formation International 15
Coy desirable including continental patents 18
Can make strong board this week Cable 21
pushes to copy with me immediately 24
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Gouraud 30
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University of Pennsylvania
West Phila June 25th 1878

Dear Sir,

When at Mills Park on Saturday with Prof. Barker I noticed your draughtsman copying diagrams upon tracing cloth, it struck me that a process I frequently use for duplicating drawings might be of service to you, I therefore take the liberty of sending you the process enclosing also a few specimens

Respectfully yours
E. B. Harden.

2 oz Red Prussiate Potash
4 oz Ammonia Citrate of Iron.
Dissolve each in 12 oz water, filter, mix and keep in stone jug —

Make tracing of drawing to be reproduced in black.

Spread the mixture over paper with a sponge, and dry in the dark.

Cover with tracing and expose to sunlight between plates of heavy glass for 3 minutes, then wash out in cold water —

George B. Prescott
Electrician

Electrician's Office
Western Union Telegraph Company
New York, June 25 1878

My dear Edison

Your favor of yesterday received and the order asked for is enclosed. I have also cabled Pope to deliver them to Adams. Your letter and letter also to make all sure.

I sent the twenty books yesterday as you requested.

Yours truly
George B. Prescott

Prescott
N.Y. June 21, 78

Regarding Quadruplexes
in Paris

My Dear

I set up the microphone on a child's vision & it works nicely. If you will fix up a high tones one, using your Cabin, I will send you a good vision to put it on. In fact I'll send you two visions & you can put up two & give me one! I believe it will be superb!

Did you all get a check as requested?

Yours
Walt Disney

W.D./25-78

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What do you think of this?

The wonderful discoveries of the telephone and phonograph, which have made the names of Bell and Edison as familiar as household words, have also brought to light the fact that other minds have been working in the same field of scientific research, and have been only anticipated in a certain degree. The well known dentist Dr. Bonwill, of this city, has nearly completed a telephonic apparatus which can be placed inside the human ear and be capably perceived by an observer, which will restore hearing to the deaf, and that without any other means of communication, than through the air as a medium. He began this instrument two years ago, and later developments, as the telephone, confirm the plan and convinces him that it will succeed. This same gentleman, was at work upon an instrument for stereographing his thoughts direct, as soon as involved in the brain, when the telephone came out and proved to be a tangible way of doing the same things; but it only replaces spoken thought.

From "Inquirer," (6-24)

6, Lombard Street, E.C.
London, 17 June 1871

My dear Green

I shall want
with great interest
your pamphlet and
complete details of
Green's triumphs
Mephan &c, and the
authority upon which
the story
immorality I hear
this is just what the
English Government upon
the basis of which

I can set you right
in a manner that
will do you credit.
Meanwhile you
have nothing to do.
It is a most beautiful
low business altogether
& you will have nothing
in the end.
Writing up the Stephens
I can do nothing but
prepare the ground
till they come.
Some of my cattle
or Geographic friends
have put me a
Stephens that and
practically — and
they are anxiously
awaiting you. So
many then also — &
cater on the name
of the Stevens by
the. You ship them.
I have quite failed
in my effort to get
Stephens with Parker
but shall hope
you may be able
to buy him to his
own. I want to
make one big Stephens
to go Europe & then

as many to meet the
affidavits —
Kings Stephens
Policy for him to
see me & have to
join issue —
See me your advice
upon the point which
of the Stephens
Peter Stephens
"Probably" says he "is
informing" that you are
an employment of
the Prince's probably
by his employment.
Is there any
ground for the opinion
he may be attacked

6, Lombard Street, E.C.
London
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as soon as the Lying
Scandal is settled to
you Letter with me
fully upon this &
in the form of a
Brief — so that if
I am attacked I
can have to back
the immediately the
opinion of a person
of the highest standing
& whose name will
alone be a balwark
of defence —
You now with Peter

will make it at first more difficult to manage the P.O. unless you have a clear case on him when the effect would be to lose the map for me. As soon as I have the formal document I can go to the press for you at once.

Photographs I am afraid Tokeyo is not making the most of his material — what do you think?

Cabling I expect to always be able to enter you any line S.H.! If I do you will be sure not to "kick a gift horse" in the head.

Yours
W. J. Lonsdale

Paris June 26th 1878

Mr Th. Edison Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Before all, I beg to express my great admiration, for your wonderful inventions, perhaps I was the first in France, to say that your name, would become as illustrious as the greatest; I believe, I am the only one now busy to render it more popular, and to that aim, I employed newspaper, experiments and books, without distinction, I suppose, you have received my last work, a book which affects a familiar form, the only and which can be used in France for a long time yet.

This book praises your great power of imagination and your extraordinary ability in mechanicks, it is called "Le Phonographe expliqué à tout le monde – Edison et ses inventions", it will seem to you of little value in comparison, with the innumerable columns found in the American Press praising your name and Works, but in France diffusion of Science is done in a different way, and my book is alone in the field on that Subject.

I have published recently an article in the "Figaro" and will write more about you, Mr. Berthe or Dr. Rein, I am told, have send you that article.
I exhibit now the Kinesiphe at the "Salle des Capucines" with Mr. Roosevelt's help, and I dare say that if we succeed it is owing to my position in the French press, although the Kinesiphe would have been a wonder in Paris, wherever presented it, but with me the success has became a triumph, and I had not had the greatest admiration for you, the enterprise would have failed, for I have been the principal motor of it.
I will add, that I watch with a growing interest, your works on the other side of the Atlantic, I will make known to the people (and without knowing you) your discoveries because they are surprising!
Being occupied for the last six months, to study and introduce them, how should I not desire to know you, it is a long way from Paris to Menlo-Park, but I will do it one day I hope, for the present time I should be glad, to begin a direct correspondence with you, as I am a Writer for the "Figaro" you could send me a letter or telegram, this would afford me the pleasure to make known to France, through the press, all your new inventions, which are kept for America alone, and are so delayed that they reach us only after long months.
I shall be most happy to be one of your correspondents, I am sure to conquer for you a fame, which shall not remain only to your country.
The honorable and learned member of the "Academie des Sciences" and Mr. du Moncel form a good authority to present your wonders to the Academy, but the people, but Paris and nearly all France, do not read the Academy reports, you need a man to make your inventions popular, and to explain the new science, I am very much that man, give me only the matter to work upon, and you will see, how quickly your fame will spread in France.
I am obliged to flatter myself a little, and I beg you pardon, but you will understand that this, is an enthusiastic letter, I am young, in earnest and ready to serve your young genius.
I am in very good business terms with Mess. Sukas and Roosevelt, they are real gentlemen, I would like to talk with you, but not being able to do so, I wish you authorize me to write to you, and that you will be kind enough to answer this; to no doubt you will do many great things,

I wish to be the first to inform my country, without waiting for American papers news, about such or such inventions, which remain unknown to France.

Expecting the honor of your answer, I remain Sir, your devoted "fidéjibet"

Pierre Giffard

journaliste,
membre de la Société des Gens de Lettres, de la Société des auteurs, de la Société de Géographie etc, - "à Paris, 2, avenue Trudaine"

Wm T Perry 15-7-76

P.S. I regret very much my ignorance of the English language, and was alleged, to get my letter translated, but to write to you I will learn as quickly as possible.

T. A. E. J.

Meadville Crawford Co Pa
6 = 26 = 1878.

Prof Edison
My Esteemed Friend
Please send this letter and (don't fail to oblige) for I need information. Enclosed please find stamps.
1st Glad I met to Phonograph of you in the course of 60 or 70 days from now, if so do what price.
2nd How will my songs & speeches for public lectures & of papers that I intended for use with Phonograph & what price. I wish to get material enough to give exhibitions with Phonograph good so Phonograph so complete that you can hear it speak in a large room. & does it sing as clear as the volume songs and music

In short is it complete enough to give satisfaction to a public audience
If it is I will grant me at least
and perhaps half a dozen.
What do your chemical analyses
cost. If you have a price list
of your numerous wonderful and
useful inventions, please send
me ~~Please~~ answer at
once and oblige
Your friend
Dr T. L. McCartney
Box 688 Meadville
Pa

Innsbruck
26th June
1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Parks.
N. J.

Your much prized Note of June 10th has duly come to hand and I thank you most heartily for the Photo you sent me & the promise of sending me some of your first instruments. From the inclosed letter-copy you will see that the work with your pen is improving. The filling and handling of the acid-battery is troublesome and a Thermo-Electric pile or Magneto-Electric Machine preferable. Your discovery that Carbon in a compressed condition concentrates Sound, Electricity and Caloric will no doubt bring you to invent a cheap and effective Thermo-Electric Telephone battery. While in America, 12 years ago, I liked Farmers (Boston) - Thermo-Electric Battery very well, but you could surely improve upon it. The Electric pen is a very neat and very useful invention, but the price rather dear, what hinders its introduction among merchants in this country where a florin is about what with

you in America is a dollar.

In the Sc. Am. June 8th I read with great interest the account of Mr. Hughes experiments with Carbon. I send to you inclosed an article on this subject cut from a German newspaper, the Gartenlaube – it is highly interesting. Your discovery however is prior to his and you should put in your claims of priority before the Academy of Sciences. Your inventions should be systematically put to paper and published, they would make a neat volume. I collect all the Newspaper Articles on the subject of Telephones, Phonograph Aerophon, Microphon, Telephonoscope etc. and so soon as I shall find time I shall write an extract with the Electric pen and collect the single leaves in a book form.

If I could make a contract with Your Company holding the Austrian and Italian Patents for the sale & introduction of Your Phonographs, Telephone and Microphon I think I could do a good business, if the royalty is not put too high as has been the case with Bells instruments. At a moderate royalty and the manufacture well regulated and in solid, honest hands, these inventions would bring advantage to the Inventor as well as to all concerned. Electricity has ever been a hobby with me and if I could be in any way connected with pushing at Your enterprise, I would leave all other business. Prof. Vanderlieyde, Dr. Jackson, Chief Engineer W. W. Wood, Revd. S. Clarke in Boston know me all & can give you reference.

I thank You for your kindness and with the hope to hear from you again, I remain, dear Sir, ever your

respectfull

A. L. Henry

[ENCLOSURE]

Innsbruck June 24th 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park
N. J.

Dear Sir,

You have no doubt received my last letter written to you past week. Perhaps you have remarked that I am improving in the use of your pen. I find many difficulties, especially in punctuating. The use of a Thermo-Electric Battery is very desirable and I hope to have soon the pleasure of hearing that you have invented one to suit the purpose.
What is the matter that your inventions of the Telephone, Phonograph and Tymphanum for the ear, are not yet put forward in Paris, London and Vienna?
I read continually of your successes in the States, but very little is said of your progress here in Europe.
If I had the permission of the owners of the Austrian Patents I should try some experiments with your Carbon-disks for Telephones.
Please give me some further information and believe me with my best wishes for your success, dear Sir,

Yours affectionately

N. Tesla

P.S. The different Types of your pen sided in America.

105 Smithfield St
Pittsburgh, 27th June 1875.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 18th inst just to hand after my absence from home, I am sorry to say I have not other steel from which the occluded gases have been removed excepting the thick and turning forks mentioned. I would sacrifice one of these to you we if I thought it would give a true experiment. I doubt this, in consequence of the manipulation they have already undergone, and the difficulty in reducing the steel to an uniformity of thickness.

On the small scale used by me in extracting the gases, the operation was difficult, and success only attained after several attempts. The air pump used was emptied by the heat of the disengaged gases and rendered useless. -

I shall however bear it in mind, should the opportunity offer. -

I am
Yours truly,
John F. Bennett. -

Wr 6-27-98

My dear Sir

I send with this the drawing of Chronometer. Put on your letters in pencil & I will have artist put in ink. Send me the application & specification soon as ready.

The artist who did this is a young man & is anxious to do more for you - I think there are a good many cases I could put this for you.

Your article on Pierce & Hughes is a chicken!

Yours
W. G. Baines

N. Y. June 27. 78.

Mr. T. A. Edison
Menlo Park, N. J.
ex. E. 10th St.

Dear Sir,

With the same mail I send to you a copy of the 'Bellestrisches Journal' a German Weekly of this city which has a large circulation in the United States as well as in Germany. You will see that the gist of the article is a defense of your right of priority in the musical principles of Prof. Hughes' inventions. I am glad that I have been among the first if not the first who gave you the such a full & unreserved acknowledgement in the public press.

In the number of ~~June~~ March 29th 78.

a copy of which I personally handed to Mr Appleby I described the Phonograph (with an illustration). Now, since then very many grave complaints have come to my hands in regard to the working of the phonograph & in fact very many of the best observers in the West have unanimously declared that if the phonograph was to be judged by the performances they have heard it would undoubtedly be declared to be a gigantic humbug. I have answered as you will perceive that the only cause imaginable to me to account for such a state of things is that the instruments & the performers were in these cases both very poor. To the per-

tment question which you
immediately followed viz. Why
is that so? I have been
unable to give an answer,
Is it not in your power
to prevent this great in-
vention from getting into
disrepute among the
great & generous people
of the growing West?

Yours truly &
admiring

Geo. W. Rachel

Richardson

Receipt acknowledged July 10-78

Ans

St Lawrence College
Gnl June 25 1878

My dear Sir,

I thank you for your of the 10th instant — I do not think any multiplication wire has been previously applied to telephones, but if it has it should be placed to the description you allude to — I shall be very glad also to hear further of your successful progress with the phonograph. We are many busy making them for the strangers to whom we have succeeded fairly well with the speaking by means of special form of mouthpiece, still a good deal remains to be done — I recently heard Edison in the best instances that may yet be found suitable for the work — we indeed appreciate passing down slightly the speaking transmitter, electrique le on only this problem off — are you adopting the plates or discs entirely in preference to the cylinders — for what reasons? When you speak of the difficulty of applying the power I do you allude to the driving power a clockwork? Have you had any experience with such driving clocks as are applied to equatorial telescopes? I think

Just received telephone in exchange for Bell Lyre £9
The inventor is a boy of 17 but a practical man with electricity

these will overcome a difficulty
in this point —
I am very glad to hear
you speak so confidently of
the perfection of your telephone.
I have not yet had the pleasure
of hearing them at all, but I
in hopes of doing so — it has
occurred to me — or rather it
has been suggested to me by
a London friend (a member
of the City Corporation & who
takes great interest in these
matters) his anxious to lend
a helping hand & that perhaps
I might be able to make an
arrangement to act as agent,
or otherwise to represent him
here in England with the
Telephone &c — I need scarcely
add that I should be very
proud to do so, & as I am
well known to Mr Preece,
Electrician to the Postal Telegraph,
willingly assist & Mr Shelley
of the Maintenance Department
Tel. Co. ~~[illegible]~~
I might perhaps take the
liberty of mentioning
names as references —
In the meantime
I beg to remain
Yours truly
Alex Walker

Mr. Anderson
Assistant Secretary
Chief Clerk of the Patent Office
to the Phonograph

743 Broadway N.Y.
June 28 - 1878

Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir,

I have just returned from England where I ~~called~~ saw all Mr Hagen's apparatus at his own house. I may be able to tell you something about it that may be of use to you in the present state of affairs in which I can assure you I take strong sympathetic with you. If you will come a day I will call at Menlo Park or at your office in town. I would like also

to show you what has been done
concerning the matter in Sailors
Magazine which I trust will
meet your approval.

Yours sincerely

Charles Barnard

The Rev. Abel Fox
Newburyport Mass.

J. C. REIFF,

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, June 29th 187

My dear T. A.

I congratulate you on the status you are able to maintain against Hughes —
The Lakers here are evidently inclined to fall back on the pride of American character so far as foreigners are concerned.
Are we to arrange for the Lake Superior Expedition? If so when will it suit you?
Are you going to Canada & if so when?
We might go to Canada after going to Superior. I think we can turn the Superior trip to good advantage & it will be a needed rest to both of us.

Yours
W J R

W. 6-28-78

My Dear

I sent you two old, first Class violins - & the strings & #

I think you have sat down on Hughes & Preece heavy enough to smash them, but a dead cat has as many lives as a cat with Preceds!

Riff suit on W.U. here about dead, was dismissed to-day which I suppose he will say is all right. Just as he expected -

Call on card for that Check.

2

Star makes another Ed, in your interest -

I send you ten copies -

Let me know if fiddles come OK

Yr
W.H.Rice

I will for the Large Photos -
W.H.R.

Chas. Davison

383 Larimer St.
Denver, Colorado.

June 29. '78.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.

My dear Sir! By direction of Prof. Hill I have written Prof. Caldwell Smith in charge of the American Mine at Buckhorn for some Tellurium for you. Shall I send it on to you at Menlo Park or hold it till you arrive, as I understand you will soon after July 10th? Are you really coming? I sent you two Denver Tribunes with an account of my visit to your laboratory. Was you pleased or not "I don't know"?

I have a big invention to suggest to you which I believe can yet be accomplished. Don't forget the test for ozone. Should like to know about your coming. very truly yours

Charles Davison

Chas. Davison

383 Larimer St.
Denver, Colorado.

P.S. Sunday morning.

Dear Edison: Just by the morning paper, which I send with this, that you are really coming to Denver.

Please let me know if there is any thing I can do in the way of securing rooms at a hotel. The hotels are quite well patronized this Summer & it might be well to speak in advance. The American & Grand Central are the largest, but I think the table, at Cherfichs is far ahead of the other.

Yours very truly
Chas. Davison

29 June 78

Friend Edison

Your cable has been attended to with pleasure, & it will be in Boston before you get this —

Cand make no mention about the Wright matter. I shall have a talk with you about it when I see you next time.

I noticed Thomson's letter particularly — I hope you are getting good results with your dif. machine. I have two or three deaf friends & am therefore delighted you should succeed & that I have any doubt about it.

Mr Mathewson of Brooklyn a friend of Blake's (Calvin Quirk) mentioned ~~that~~ that he should like to pay you

a visit, I said I was
sure you would be plea
sed to see him & that I would
accompany him whenever
he liked so we may
turn up one of these days.
With kind regards
Yours
G. G. Ward

(G. G. Ward

Stockbridge Cont

OFFICE DIRECTOR MOTIVE POWER
JAN 30 1878
WASHINGTON D.C.

My dear

We'll send the Cape Ships to-morrow.

I expect to be in city Friday & Saturday,

When can you have the machine ready to test the water's heat for ships? I can get an order for sets to just all one House of Reps & Senate so Engineer can tell him to keep up his fires in winter & ~~[illegible]~~ in winter—

Yours

M G Raine

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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From

J. C. HINCHMAN,

Gen'l Superintendent.

New York, July 19 1878

To Thomas A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir,

Ass't Gen. Supt. Jaynes of San Francisco is here, and we would like to meet you at your office at Menlo Park some morning this week, leaving Newyork at 8.30 A.M. We will come as soon as the weather moderates a little. Will you be at Menlo Park all this week? We should not care to come down unless you are there.

Yours truly

J. C. Hinchman

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New York, July 1st 1876.

U. A. Eclim, Esqr

Dear Sir

I wish to make some allusion to my pleasant visit at your laboratory, last week, in my magazine. and in its course would embody a description of your Telephone, Will you send me a brief account of it in principle and adjustment? Our folks here would like to have your hand, would you submit to the process of

having a cast taken in plaster if we send down a statuary to you? When in the neighborhood of "737" drop in, and let us talk up "the subject.

Yours Faithfully
H. D. Dayton
Ed.

Mr Lehrbach

T. A. EDISON,

(July 13)

Menlo Park, N. J., 187

Telegram

T. P. Lowrey. New York.

Will tuesday answer

Have engagement monday

T A Edison

to Ed.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., July 1st 1878

My. 1st

Thos A Edison

Tuesday will do

G. P. Lowrie

Brockway (St Clair Co. Mich)
1st July 1878

Thomas Alva Edison Esq.

My Dear Sir

You may have forgotten me, but I have not forgotten you. On the contrary, I have carefully kept watch with very feeling of respect of your various, and very interesting advancement, in your public life. I think you will, from the many clear movements of your mind, easily recall the remembrance of the days of your boyhood when I boarded with your Mother at Port Huron, not only before the Cars were running to Detroit on the "Grand Trunk" but after you were the "News boy". I was then as you will remember rather Poor

I am now nearly "wholly deaf"
one ear entirely Deaf — living
a retired life in St Clair Co.
about 23 miles from Fort Gratiot
and not being in any business.
I am as you may suppose a great
reader of the newspapers, I therefore
claiming statements of you having
discovered an instrument which
the deaf are said to hear, and
having formerly bought an instru-
ment, as one of "Mulvany" ones
will do, which proved an imposition
and not as you may suppose at my
years, believing every thing I read
while on the other hand having
unbounded faith in your honesty
and honor, I write yourself today
to have a short correspondence
from you and thereby obtain
a knowledge of you know the power
to make my life in my old age pleasant
in the family circle talk or in
society —

Knowing your life to be
a life of anxious industry I will
only further give here my honest
expressions for your future success
health and happiness, and beg
to solicit a knowledge of your
mind at your earliest possible
convenience

I am
with great respect
your Ob. D. Brown

Please Address
Elder D. Brown
Brockway
St Clair Co.
Mich.

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company

Western Union Buildings

P.O. Box 3645.

George Walker,
Vice President.

New York, July 1 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your of 28th we are of opinion that the microphone is undoubtedly covered by your contract with the W. U. Co.

Yours truly
George Walker
V.P.

My opinion same
as yours as regards microphone

Innsbruck
July 2d. 1878.

Prof. Th. A. Edison
Menlo Park
N. J.

My dear Sir,

My last letter in reply to your kind favor of last month has no doubt reached you. Since then I have seen the Sc. Am. of June 22d. & see with great pleasure that you are taking steps against Hughes & Preece. From the beginning I thought it rather strange how Hughes after having read your publications in the Sc. Am. (published in July 1877) could claim the Microphone as his own invention. It is too bad to see things so mismanaged & the trust placed in men so abused. My friends in Vienna write to me that they regret to see that such valuable inventions as are your Phonograph, Telephone are not pushed forward with more energy, ask me to write to you urging matters forward. The Chamber of Commerce is sending out Somebody to Paris & has kindly offered me the 200f appropriated for that purpose. -

I shall probably accept the offer & go there during the month of August.

Now, my dear Sir, can I do nothing for you in Paris? As I speak French, German & Italian quite fluently & am conversant with Natural Philosophy & Chemistry I think I could assist Mr. Prakes getting your inventions before the Public. Have you made enough for the manufacture of your instruments in France & Germany. In the German empire I think that Messrs Siemens & Halske & Berlin will monopolise the manufacture, in Vienna I could recommend to you Mr. Jos. Honigschmied who is representing Prof. Bell now, he is a good Mechanician & Engineer.

The idea of improving the sound of Violins, zithers, guitarres etc by putting into the instruments compressed Carbon disks or balls is young me no peace & I beg you to think of it, if you have found the proper form to let me manage the invention for you in Europe.

I think that a very simple form could be found and cheaply manufactured.

I read years ago that somebody in Berlin prepared Bisulphide of Carbon in Gas form through heated Charcoal & converted the non-conductor of Electricity into a good conductor – the Carbon of the Bisulphide was deposited in the Pores of the Carbon. This metallized carbon they said was very hard and so sonorous that sound bells were made from it. Could not Lampblack be metallized in a similar way? Don't forget to send me a few Telephones & if possible a good Phonograph to go lecturing with. I sent you yesterday a few of our new Photos & beg of you to accept them as a memory from an admiring friend. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain, dear Sir,

Respectfully Yours

A. L. Henry

Hartford. Ct. July 2nd. 1878.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

My dear Sir.

I wish to ask you a few questions:

1st. At what price will you furnish two or three Phonographs, to be presented to the chief Viceroy's of China by my partner & me, with the view of aiding the introduction of your Carbon Telephones?

2nd. At what price will you supply us with the Telephones, and what profit can we add with propriety?

3d. Will the countries of China & Japan be flooded with English & French Telephones - the "Hughes" (so called) "Microphone" &c, or are your patents so well protected that the Carbon telephone cannot be stolen & manufactured in France & England for shipment to the aforesaid countries?

4th If we - Mr. H. M. Brown & myself - will undertake to represent your interests in China & Japan will you give us the

P.S. Name of my partner & the firm that the Carbon telephone will be shipped to, if we succeed.

exclusive right to do so?

5th What instructions in regard to the erections of telephone lines, or the attachment of telephones to existing lines, is necessary?

6th Would the services of an expert in "telegraphy" be required to set up & put in successful operation the "carbon telephones"?

I beg to refer you to the "Sharps Rifle Co." Bridgeport Ct. — "The Gibbs & Sherrett Mfg. Co." of Titusville, Pa. — "The National Bank Note Co." of New York City (No. 1. Wall St) also I enclose (& will thank you to return) a letter recently rec'd., from the inventor & owner of the "Hotchkiss Cannon", which gives an idea of our reputation among those who know us. The "Mr. Pratt" referred to is the President of the well known Pratt & Whitney Co. of Hartford, Ct.

I may add that our facilities for doing business in Japan are as great as in China. Mr. Brown is acquainted with all the leading foreigners in the East. Some time since I wrote him about the telephones & have not yet heard from him in reply. Should we agree to work for you we will do all that can be done. Of course we desire the best terms possible & there are some reasons why we ought to have lower prices than others.

Very respectfully, yours, E.W. Kellogg.

Geo. N. Bliss, Gen'l Mgr.

OFFICE OF THE ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS.

220 to 232 Kinzie St. Chicago, July 29 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park. N. J.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram about Dynamometer & Prof. Colburn rec'd. I hope you will make a special effort to accommodate him. The Tribune is very friendly and publishes everything of interest concerning you. They have copied the Herald articles on the Hughes controversy and many other things recently. If you send the telegraph work me full instructions so that I can attend to it.

Respectfully
Geo. N. Bliss
G.M.

Innsbruck
4 July 1878.

Professor
Th. A. Edison.
Menlo Park
N. J.

My dear Sir,
Allow me to make you acquainted with my worthy friend, Mr. Davis A. Hale of New York, who has spent much of his time here in this city. I can give you some information concerning me, my desire.
Mr. Hale has been Editor of the well known Journal of Commerce, has many friends, he will help

highly pleased to obtain
some of your wonderful
in Science.

Hoping that you
will forgive the liberty
I take to trouble you
so continually with
my letters, I remain
ever yours
admiring

A. L. Henry

Allegheney. S. S. P. Langley

T. A. Edison.

Send by express to Allegheney

I leave Monday

S. P. Langley JM

(July 5)

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Mr Thos A Edison

Menlo Park N J

Dear Sir.

May I take the liberty of inviting you to sit for a photograph, at your convenience, that I may place it in my Collection –

Please accept Photos which I send you today by mail of Ministers Welsh & Bayard Taylor, also of Profs Henry, Tyndall, Leidy – Director, with compliments of

Yours Respectfully

F Gutekunst

Per JWP

[FROM JAMES ADAMS]

Paris July 5. 1878

Chas Butterworth

Dear Sir

Had another comparative test to day between ours and the bell. Col Bowrand was here and he thought like every one else that there was no comparison whatever. Bell has no show. I have got ¼ of a mile of underground wire to lay to morrow and then we will have 5 Miles underground and 13 Pole line right from the space in the Exhibition. we try no short circuit tests and any one that wants to try them telephones with ours have got to try them on that wire. Bell wont come up to time with the Gong. but I have no doubt I will get him to try it some of those days. The receivers as you have them works all right on an air line — they are no good on an underground. got to have a stronger magnet and larger diaphragm. the magnet is either not large enough or you use poor steel — out of all the receivers that has come over only four of them has fair magnetism. the first ones that Puskas brought over and those of mine. there is no more magnetism in them than there is in soft Iron — now if you have come to the conclusion as to the stand and shape

of the telephone send sample over so that Puskas can start to manufacture - it is time they were on the market - send me about 250 carbons! Phonograph drawes such a crowd that the break down every thing - get inside the place - on top of the tables and every where - so we can only show it once and cover them up until the crowd gets away so as to give some one else a chance. Le Bourand told me that you had sent him Telephones he is going to Telegraph me as soon as they arrive - He wont do anything with them till I come over and Puskas wont let me go till he has got fairly started manufacturing and gets a man to understand all about them - so I think that I can go to London when the Telephones arrives and come back to Paris again - Microphone business is red hot There is no scientific man here but what sees and says that it is a direct infringement on Edisons Carbon Telephone - I have written a paper that I want to be read before the Academy

of Science on wednesday night - I am given to understand that Pearce is going to make me prove what I have said about him regarding the Hughes matter — I have told nothing but the truth and I am able to stand it —

I saw Edmonds the other day he has once gone back to London. If you have not sent me any money do so. as I will need it in London going to buy the Telephones between Paris and Bordeaux 400 miles. Pushkin has applied for the visas. but we have got no answer from the department yet - give Eden my kindest love tell her that I am well. Kindest respect to Rosa & you. remember me to all yours as ever

Jim

There was a ~~man~~ foreigner came to me to day with a new microphone and wanted to try it on my voice he would not let me see the inside nor would he tell me what he made it

worked on enough to say that the diaphragm was two
feet in diameter and it did not work. he thought it
was very strange that it did not talk good as he had
sung to it for a long time and it was heard all right

EXECUTIVE OFFICES,
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Form 12.

# The Gold and Stock Telegraph Co.

COMMERCIAL NEWS DEPARTMENT.

E. WINTER, Agent.

Montgomery, Ala., July 5th 1878

Thomas A Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I will not take more of your valuable time than to offer Congratulations of a Southern friend upon the high Eminence you have attained since last we met,
A Gentleman here so deaf cannot hear a person five steps off wishes me to write for particulars of your Megaphone If it will be of service to him wishes to purchase one,
I know you will not have time but will you please have your Agent give me all particulars price &c also if one sent by Express C O D if an opportunity will be given to satisfy the party that it is all that it is claimed to be

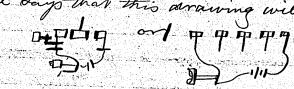
Yours Truly
E Winter
P O Box 375

Will it be necessary to remind you of Port Hudson & Vicksburg 1864

Paris July 6. 1878

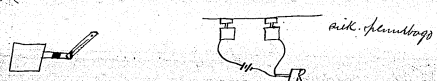
Mr Chas Batchelor

wrote you a letter yesterday guess you will get this before it as I did not send it by England have been all day with Count du Moncel and had a good square talk with him. I went to see him about reading a paper that I has prepared for the academy of Science but he says that the wont enter into any quarrels. I gave du Moncel drawings of experiments with carbon as far back as I could remember he says that if you will send over proof of what I have given him or any legal papers such as copy of caveats or patents he will take the thing up and see that you get justice he says that this drawing will kill Hughes alone



I told him that those experiments were made in 1876. I hope I am right – I made them myself

but cant remember the date. I showed him this experiment




and dozens such experiments but he says the first is enough to kill Hughes. send all the proofs you can and he will have cuts made and have everything published in full. Mr Marconi sticks up for you in every way. have you got any records of the time when we used the carbon transmitter as a receiver. I have got another man to fight on that. it is claimed by one Bleyn who says that he discovered it 15 days ago. send proofs of that if possible. it is nothing but solid fight here all the time. Preece is going to go for me when I get back. dont confide too much in Beattie for his dour work for your interest by any means. Count di Marconi showed me a herald in which you have got an electric governor and nine ounce points on that as I dont see through it. unless your relays is carbon. I cant regards it at all. write soon

yours as ever

Jim

W. D. Gentry

OFFICE OF

DRS. GENTRY & NELLIS,

HOMEOPATHIC

SURGEONS AND PHYSICIANS.

Emporia, Kansas, July 6th 1878.

Thos A Edison Esq

Dear Sir: In 1865–6 I had the pleasure of working ~~with~~ in the same office with you. at 145 Broadway. I have heard of your wonderful inventions, and wanted to see and congratulate you. I believe you were experimenting upon your electric pen or Duplex, and you explained it somewhat to me; I thought then that you were somewhat visionary, but the results ~~have~~ of your inventions have shown you to be all the papers claim for you. the greatest inventor the world has ever seen. As one of the oldest practical operators in the world, I congratulate you.

Truly your friend

W. D. Gentry

Address to Dan'l all Dunn

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HILBORNE L. ROOSEVELT,
CHARLES A. CHEEVER.

P. O. Box 5030.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW YORK,

203 BROADWAY,

New York July 6th 1878

My dear Edison

I leave for Europe next Wednesday at 1 P.M. I would like very much to see you for a short time before then. I sent word by Mr Johnson that I would be pleased to do anything there I could for you & as you may wish to send some things to Puskas & my brother it will be well for us to meet. Please let me know Mr. Beaver if I can see you before 3. P.M. to day

Yours truly

Hilborne L. Roosevelt

July 6th 1878

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter. I am glad my letter in Nature has been appreciated. I also have to thank you for the numerous papers you have sent me which, apart from the question at issue, give me an amount of information of your inventions which gives me much pleasure. The question between yourself & Prof Hughes is well set forth in an article in the Engineer of 28 June last, and in that of 5 July I see also an article from Prof Hughes in which he appears to state the microphone does not depend on of your transmitter, which I take to be the principle on the contra the principle of greater & less pressure in creasing or diminishing the current, as I tried to set forth in Nature, but he says that carbon is not necessary at all – any metal will do. This leads me to infer the action according to him depends on absolute break of contact or current at each vibration, on the principle of Reis' telephone, but as he hints at mechanical vibrations, I scarcely see at present on what principle he supposes the action to depend. I would have sent these numbers of the Engineer to you but I doubt not that you are in equally ample

of each upon

I remain

Your very tr

Geo. M. Seabrooke

T. A. Edison

Menlo Park

Ans'd Aug 27 75

Recd July 19 78

Acct copy to T. A. E.

Rawlins states any

but did not acknowledge receipt

Geo M Seabrooke Aug 16 78

Rugby Engd

delivered book

fully satisfactory when I

was finish his metals

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., _____ 187

Engineering

London

Your compiler of Telephone article has given credit to Hughes for ~~[illegible]~~ exactly what he suppressed from ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ article sent you.

Edison

Dwg 876

Cable to

Engineering

G. F. Barker

Form 7.] [Telegraph.

# PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO.'S TELEGRAPH.

Received, 1.00 P.M. Office, Rm 24 Operator, 12 o'clk M. July 8 1888

From New York 8 For T A Edison

Dr Draper will meet you at W.U. Office tomorrow at one o'clock. In what room will I find you. answer care Mr Phelps.

G F Barker

Care Mr Phelps
Mr
Will meet Dr Draper
in my Room at noon
T A Edison

24 St Rm 24

22 Liberty St.
Brooklyn L.I.
Sep 8th 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.

Sir -

Referring to my former letter to you, and your reply, respecting the introduction of the telephone into Japan &c. I beg to inform you that I am quite prepared to undertake the business on your account. I have no capital to invest but wish to be sent out by you, and to act as your Agent.

I should be able to convince you by letters &c in my possession, of my respectability and trustworthiness -

At the present time I hold a position in a Telegraph Company in this city, and am quite familiar with the Telephone -

Hoping to hear from you early.

I am Sir
Your respectfully,
Aug. Driver

Mr Wm

WINDSOR HOTEL.
5TH AVE. 46TH & 47TH ST. NEW YORK.
HAWK, WATE & WETHERBEE.

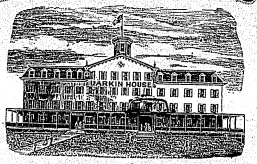
July 5th 1878

Dear Mr Windom

My friend Gen
Cyrus W Fair Candidate would
not preclude attended letter
Mr Stetson. I will be
much obliged if you would
[illegible] me if possible
[illegible] with Gen
T. [illegible]

Yours faithfully
Lathrop [illegible]

# LARKIN HOUSE.




D. F. Larkin & Co., Proprietors.

Watch Hill, R. I., 7-8 1878

My Dear

I have sought in prices to run a line in front the beach or on board as we choose - an old sea capn says we can to NY over the breakers if we do it on board - probably not so far -

I will probably be in newyork on Thursday or Friday - will write you when - Let me know if you get your passes. Ok!

Yours
W. H. Daniels

Dear Sir. Chicago July 9/78.

We mail you sample copy of our Pen Drawings this day which please accept with our compliments. We should consider it a great favor, if you should send us some few words with your signature attached, that we may frame and hang up in our office. Resp Yours

C. M. Trebert & Co.

Express Note

To T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.
9 July 78

Letter &c.
Com of 19 June
" " 22 " Power of Atty
" " 24 " Power of Atty
Copies of letts & Com
from J. H. W. Clare 8 June 78
" J. J. Baily " " "
" F. L. Pope 3 " "

GEG

3 N.Y. Menlo Park July 9 - 1878

T A Edison Menlo Park

I think some report of your investigation are susceptible of being misunderstood as questioning the thoroughness of the work I do. Say nothing more until I see you to any one except the Company and regard this as confidential

Yours Paul

G. P. Lowrey

T. A. Edison

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J.,

July 9 1878

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Care Mr Connery

E. M. Fox Herald office

Will be at foot

Courtland St at Eleven

thirty

T. A Edison

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ks

S.R. Wells & Co

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July 9 76.

Prof T A Edison Menlo Park

Will send tomorrow morning table cost if agreeable answer two thirty three west fifty first St

J R Wellott & Co

16 words

Scranton
July 9/78

Thomas A. Edison Esq
Dear Sir
Pardon me for sending another idea, namely,
Take a phonograph diaphragm minus the stylus, then place a thin hollow rubber ball with a bit of silver foil on side of the ball to bear on diaphragm the other on a carbon button on a post connect to a strong current in circuit with a powerful electro-magnet whose armature should have a phonograph stylus attached I think that this arrangement would by give larger ~~con~~ surface contact control a stronger current so as to give power to make indentations by first motion on thin sheets of copper. The same thing would also act in the gramo arrangement.

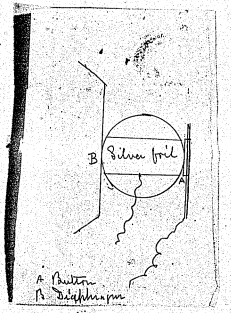
to compensate by larger contact for the increase of resistance caused by rise of temperature, in the button caused by increased pressure, as a current grows weaker if the "bars out" in a rough way it will prove the principle, and could be applied to the heart beat problem

I have an "idea" also that a condenser should be applied to any varying current, as well as those when contact is completly broken, and would increase the power. have you tried it, one post on each side of button

Should the Idea No 1 not act, how would the double button principle work for the same purpose

I see that Mr S. Pope and others are trying to get at it and it must be done

Yours respectfully
Henry May



Parkersburg, W. Va.,
July 10th 1878.

Mr. T. A. Edison,

Dear Sir,

In the Scientific American, No. 2, Vol. 39, dated July 13th is a notice of your "Harmonic Engine". My object in writing is to inquire whether such an engine can be used to propel a light carriage?

I have constructed such a carriage, to be used in cities or on country roads, and need a light engine to run it: and wish to learn whether the "Harmonic Engine" is, or can be, adapted to such purposes.

An early reply will greatly oblige,

Yours Truly,

J. M. Lauck.

L. L. McKnight

New York July 11th 78

Wm A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir

I bring a letter of introduction to you from your old friend "Bob Wagner" of Detroit and you may remember me as the Publisher of "The Knight" Lake Superior Lines. I would like an interview of a few moments with you and to that end have been looking for this past few days although the Central & RR Authorities tending you come in town any day.

Will you be kind enough

to appoint a time when I can
call on you at your home — Meanwhile pray
whether delay or not. oblige

Yours Respectfully
L. L. McKnight

Rev. L. McKnight 75

[ENCLOSURE]

HOSS H. HOLMES,
(Late of Parker, Holmes & Co.)
R. WAGNER.

—OFFICE OF—

# HOLMES & WAGNER,

SOLE AGENTS IN DETROIT FOR
**P. Lorillard & Co's Tobaccos**

Wholesale Tobacconists,

112 JEFFERSON AVE., Next Door to Michigan Exchange Hotel.

Detroit June 6th 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park N.J.
Dear Sir,

This will introduce to you Mr L. L. McKnight, you will remember him as the owner of the McKnight's Lake Superior line, the steamer Illinois, Meteor, Arcade &c.

Mr McKnight is well known as an energetic business man and of late years has devoted himself to the order & development of valuable patents, particularly relating to development of power saving of fuel &c & he now on hand an invention for burning slate, anthracite and bituminous coal. His acquaintance is world wide and his integrity unimpeachable. If you have anything in your line requiring the services of a good business man, any the undertaker you can

[ENCLOSURE]

depend he will find Edison.
Possibly you may help him in
the mechanical arrangement of
his invention. I speak for
him I am confident recognition
and will be so happy to receive any
kindness shown him.

Yours truly
R. Fagan

L. L. M. Knight
P.O. Box 3211
N.Y. City

New York, July
11th. 1878.

Friend Edison.

I have been at times a good deal of a bother to you, but be patient, it will not last long.

I am glad to know as I will, so that at other times I have been able to do you valuable service in the right manner and at the important time and place.

I wish the Herald have been at all times better done, and that it might have continued without break.

2/ I wish to thank you now for your many and continued acts of kindness and of consideration to me, and to assure you most satisfactorily it is to me, as one of your oldest friends, to look forward to what I believe to be a bright and successful career of fame and prosperity which is now immediately before you.

May you live long to see up its fullest measure of usefulness, and to enjoy with your family its rewards.

In connection with the thought of

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it, my mind always goes back to our dear dead friend, the Chief and President, and I think how heartily they would congratulate you, were they living, and how much they would enjoy in sharing each in his own way, in the work of humanity. "We supported it all, and told you so." Such is their memory; and one of their enduring monuments is their faith, with which they "backed you till the wilderness was passed".

I know how perfect for time you must be for leaving for Colorado,

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but hope that you will be able to give me the formula for "Duff's Tusk" and such instructions as may be in your mind. Also confidentially the terms on which Blair holds it under contract and I will make him a fair offer to take the thing off his hand, and will then "run the business" so that you will get returned. I cannot see as he ever intended to make you any - and if he declines my fair offer - after what I've said to him - I will be justified in going ahead on my own account.

5.

Since you asked me if "Mr. a week would do me", on account of the Mon. that we thought ought to come out of Accounts, the contracts & the Juicy run into Telephone, and I said "yes, make it but Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart are here not figuring the aggregate given me from time to time.

You have been exceedingly generous, and I can never forget any part of your kindness. I hope I shall without fear or hope reward, have what may fall in my humble and obscure way - that I may yet be of some ~~[illegible]~~ service to you.

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Now to close the entire question of compensation — or perhaps I should rather call it of generous consideration bestowed, or to be bestowed upon me. I wish to ask this, which falls short of the $1000. named above, and which shall be final.

$100. now will do me more good to carry out your good advice and intentions than twice that sum scattered along. I think that I know quite well that you cannot spare any such amount on the eve of your absence for three weeks.

But what I want you to do is to let me have

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|---|---|
| Pay in Cash | $15. |
| Acceptance 30 days | 40. |
| " $10 " | 45. |

or 2 acceptances of $50 each at 30 and 60 days. The latter will answer, but the first will do better. Or $10. and a single acceptance for $90. at 2 mos. if it looks easier and safer to you.

My dear friend I pride myself a man that would have had a salary of more than that monthly from May 1st. But you know my nature and will be shown "my right" hereafter.

Yours

H. C. Miller

A. McEnaign

247 Broadway
Tuesday 1/12

Mr. T. A. Edison,

Dear Sir:-

I wish very much to see you in reference to your trip to Colorado to witness the eclipse of the Sun. Can you arrange to meet me at this office any time to-morrow? I will call in hope of your being able to name a convenient hour.

Respectfully
A.M. Enaign

Reporter for the Tribune

Ano 8 Jul, 1278

Geo. F. Barker

George F. Barker

Brookfield Center Ct. July 12.

My dear Edison:—

We leave New York by the Penna. R. R. on the 8.30 train Saturday (tomorrow) evening. (Pacific Express) Please be on hand. Arrangements for tickets and for Pullman car all made.

Draper writes me that you have got passes for us to San Francisco. Am very much obliged and think we will have a good time. Don't fail to instruct Bachelor to send to me, care F. K. Rees St. Louis, a box containing your newest things, telephone, tolmeter, rheostat etc involving the carbon buttons, for the paper I am to prepare for you to read at the Am. Association for the Advancement of

Science there the 21st of August.
I shall leave here at 11
tomorrow morning and shall
be at Dr. Draper's 271 Madison
Ave. at 3 P.M.

Yours truly,
George F. Barker.

Ans'd July 17/78

N. Y. July 12th 78
304 E. 10th St.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of July 2. is in my hands. I thankfully accept your kind invitation to listen to your latest model-phonograph. I shall at the same time ask you whether you would allow me to experiment with your telephone in connection with a microphone on hospital patients for the purpose of facilitating medical examinations.

When shall I be able to find you at your laboratory? Please appoint

time convenient to you
& oblige
Yours truly
Geo. W. Rachel, M.D.

Hotel Vanderbilt Ocean

Rockaway July 13th 1878

Rev. Robinson

Dear Sir

Pardon me though I write you some white time in consideration of leave I beg of you for charity's sake give a little time in reflecting upon a subject which is of great consideration to me and on my entire dependance is based upon it. My Robin is a much better boy than he was in a consideration of faith wicked though it may seem time yet better but at the moment it looks gloomy.

My care is to do what will be for his good. I am not reflecting I would like to get a place in the Manufacturing of Ladies & Gents Underclothing & also Leggins the business I worked at some time ago. I understand it perfectly & have all the desirable facilities. If I could get it

hide that it would enable me to support me very well. Does it lay in your power to be a helping friend to me, could & would you advance me the sum of $80. I will repay it as a loan, and will be able to pay you back in the course of three or four months perhaps not all but part & the remainder in a little longer or less time.

It will be as great a charity as you can do for a woman who lives her mind to get about once more. Think if you would take the trouble & place the time to come here you will find deserving of whatever you can do for her. I wish you would come and see for yourself. I am fully aware of my situation & there seems no way for relief unless help from a charitable friend like you. Write at start. It does lay at your disposal if you will only consider a thought.

Please do for my sake & let me hear from you upon immediate receipt of this.

I am —

Yours Most Respectfully

Mrs. A. D. Coleman

161 Harrison Ave

Brooklyn

N.Y.

V. F. BUTLER
COMISIONISTA DOCKS
10 CALLE TEJADILLO
HABANA, CUBA.

Professor Edison

Menlo (Very low mean indeed? Bad.
the Front this Friends?)

My dear Sir —

Received your letter of the 3rd ult. telling me 1st "Keep my shot on" you have hit me and very tender part — firstly I have not got a shot I have rock the last one waiting for the Celestial telephone of Edison & secondly if I had I think the heat is so great that I could not & would not wear it; am I to become grey old, gouty, waiting for the Cummings old thing? You have sent it to Europe, Australia & Africa! Ochiem (the Phonograph too)

Now look here Mr. Old forgetter Mismatch old ugly electrician — by the Fenley flag & when I say that I mean it, if I don't hear from you soon with cargoes of the very best instruments I'll up in newspaper before you. Prove it & then God help you. I'll call the mathematical electrical, chemical, nautical & all off you & make a real soup of it — you need not say I'm drunk. was another! I mean to have my feelings as if I gave word to other I might say something rough — What do you —

Yours truly

V. F. Butler

LA PLUMA ELECTRICA
V. F. BUTLER.
JUL 13 1878
HABANA.

LA PLUMA ELECTRICA
V. F. BUTLER.
JUL 31 1878
HABANA.

George H. Bliss

**Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Mgr.**

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & MULTIPLICATING PRESS

142 LaSalle St. Chicago JULY 13TH. 1878

THOS. A. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK, N.J.

DEAR SIR:

I SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO START FOR COLORADO.

I DON'T BELIEVE THE PAPERS BUT IF IN THIS CASE THERE IS ANY TRUTH IN IT I SHALL EXPECT YOU TO STOP AND SEE US IN CHICAGO.

WHY CAN'T YOU BRING YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN AND LET THEM STAY HERE TILL YOU COME BACK. MRS. BLISS WILL DO ALL IN HER POWER TO ENTERTAIN THEM AND MAKE THEIR STAY PLEASANT.

IF THEY SHOULD COME LET ME KNOW SO AS TO MEET YOU AT THE DEPOT AND TAKE CARE OF THEM.

YOU NEVER WRITE ANYTHING TO ME NOW WHICH I TAKE TO BE A DEAD CUT.

THE PAPERS THIS WAY ARE FULL OF ITEMS &C ABOUT EDISON. I DON'T SEND THEM ON AS IT WOULD OCCUPY ONE MAN'S TIME TO KEEP TRACK OF THEM.

RESPECTFULLY,

Geo. H. Bliss

GEN. MAN.

FROM THE LABORATORY OF
T. A. EDISON,
MENLO PARK, N. J.
U. S. A.

July 15th 1878

Mr Pierre Giffard
Paris.

Dear Sir,

Your interesting favor of the 26th ult was duly received. Some one in Paris was kind enough to send me the phonograph pamphlet of which you are the author. I took much pleasure in reading it. The only point I comes out to criticize was the absurdile frontispiece and my great satisfaction is that you were not the author of that feature. In order that you might think better of me than what the pothic would indicate I immediately posted you a photograph, which though not an extra good one is, I hope an improvement over that which appears in your work.

I am now about to start for the Pacific coast and expect to be absent a month or six weeks. I shall always be pleased to hear from you, and shall certainly avail myself of your kind offer to place my inventions before the French people. I have placed your name on my list of foreign addresses and will send you American papers of all kinds which I think will be of interest to you. Accept my thanks for the kind expressions so contained in your Communication.

And believe me Yours very Truly

T. A. Edison

The Hard Rubber and Cane Company,
No. 83 Walker Street,
NEW YORK.

July 15th 1878

Mr. T. A. Edison
Menlo Park N J

Dear Sir:

In regard to a small bill for Rubber amounting to $6.87/100 which we sold to Mr. J. T. Murray, of Newark on January 2d 1878. The latter gentleman has sent us a letter, you wrote to him which says that you will pay this bill and request us to have it sent to you. This letter is dated February 21/78 still we have not yet received the amount.

Our bill now being more than six months overdue we think we are decidedly entitled to payment of it now and politely request you to remit the amount at once.

We enclose copy of said bill and remain

Respectfully

THE HARD RUBBER & CANE Co.
Oth Parkhurst Treas

OFFICE OF THE

# Scientific American,

PATENT OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

No. 37 Park Row,

New York, July 16 1878.

Mr S L Griffin

Dear Sir

Will you have the kindness to tell me or ascertain for me from one of Mr Edisons assistant the best method of magnetizing small magnets. Give kind of battery, no of cells, how connected and any other particulars

Very Resp'y Yrs M S Hopkins

Niantic, Ct. July 16th 1878.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir.

Refering to your favor of 4th inst. I beg to say that I am now in correspondence with Mr. R. M. Brown of Shanghae, & Yokohama, upon the subject of your telephones & have forwarded to him a copy of your favor of 4th inst.

It will necessarily be some weeks before I can have a reply to your proposal, but personally I think there is no doubt that we will act for you on the terms indicated by you, provided you will furnish us with a pair of telephones at price given ($35.) ea.

We should also want the sale of the Phonograph when you get it into such a state that there is demand for it. How is it that I see advertisements of Phonographs made by others than yourself?

Yours respy.

E. N. Kellogg.

[July 17]

To:

Please let me here from you as soon as possible

J. J. Spurr
Marble works Newark
N.J.

July 14th 1878.

Edison. I translate the following from the Le Figaro July 3. 1878 — "The most astonishing experiment which has yet taken place in France has been made this morning at the Exposition (Telegraphic Section) before the jury. It was only for the jury and was made with a combination of the phone and the telephone. After several minutes conversation between Versailles and the Champ de Mars by the aid of the Edison & Bell telephone, there was placed upon the mouthpiece of the phone, a telephone which transmitted to Versailles the indentiter words put a half hour on the phonograph cylinder at Paris. Afterwards, in return, the operator in Versailles sang in the telephone & by the aid of another telephone the song was repeated upon the phonograph at Paris & repeated as many times as wanted by the assistants in the midst of the applause of the official audience. The experiment we repeat is the first of this kind since the invention of the two most astonishing apparata." ——

I translate from Le petit Moniteur Universell July 4th 1878 Yesterday morning before the jury of the 6th class (Telegr. app.) was shown at the Universal Exp. was shown an experiment of the most curious kind It was made by the Edison phone and carbon tel. M. Puskas spoke in his clockwork phone, the operator placed the mouthpiece of the carbon transm. to it. The receiver was at Versailles where M. Kotke repeated the words that were sent to him. Some of the jury witnessed the experiment at Versailles. A very lively discussion was entered into by the members to know whether the phone ought to belong to class 15 (instr. of precision) or class 65 (Tel. Sub) the conflict has been decided in favour of 65 upon the recital of authentic experiences made in America which prove that the phone could be used to regulate the telephone signals. These curious experiments which will shortly be repeated in France have been done between New York and Philadelphia about 150 kilometers ——

Unknown by me Patch.

Miller here. Paid him Kinney money. Kinney work at home & will come here when he has got something ready. Guess he is hard up & don't want to spend too much in Phila. exc.. If that suits you it does me. Nothing news but what ~~you~~ ~~know~~ ~~sent~~ you.

Butch

Newspaper men are bothering in Phila about ~~that~~ ~~shot~~ ~~them~~ ~~shot~~.

Scranton Pa
July 17, 1878

Mr Thomas A. Edison
Sir

In the Scientific American of June 22 the current number, is a description of your new instrument called the Microtasimeter by it I see that you use Wheatstones bridge and rheostat in your experiments, The idea struck me that you have in your new instrument with a few alterations added, something that will do for the galvanic current, what Steam already has, namely an automatic governor, My idea of it is as follows Put a disk of Soft Iron next to and outside of the platina face of the Carbon disk, outside of the iron disk the pressure will be applied by the other part of your instrument but through a piece of rubber or by spiral Spring so that the pressure is not rigid, this pressure must take the shape of a ring on the outside circumference of the iron disk so as to leave the outside face of it open, then make a circuit and include in it a galvanometer and a small electro magnet then note the angle of the needle, then apply the poles of the magnet close to the soft iron disk and I think that you will find the galvanometer show more resistance, the pressure being relieved by the attractive

force of the magnet, but the needle ought to go back to its former position and keep there, as the sum total of the attractive force of the magnet ought to be co-equal to the work or power expended by the current in overcoming the extra resistance of the carbon, if that is so then we have an automatic governor for it,

Of course different instruments will be required for different purposes or quantity or intensity that can be varied in the thickness of the carbon as well as size of wire on magnet

I saw your Phonograph exhibited here a few days since, the gentleman in charge told me that your new edition will be in the shape of a flat spiral instead of a cylinder he told me that to make a lasting record duplicate copies by electrotype process is necessary

I have examined a piece of the foil after use, and I see that the corrugated shape of it caused by the thread makes it more liable to injury than if it were flat, could it not be obviated ~~by~~ this way, suppose a large sheet of ~~elastic~~ blotting paper sufficiently soft to admit of the tracings, face this ~~foil~~ with foil, after use the foil would be flat with the exception of the tracing marks, this pad could be brushed over the back with Shellac varnish and I think would retain its shape good and solid, this would dispense with the thread, I know that the thread is used as a guide also, but ~~that~~ a substitute for guide can easily be made,

And I see no reason why the original foil treated ~~to~~ in that way should not be as durable as an electrotype copy and less expensive

Perhaps you have tried all these experiments, and then I am boring you as ~~bad~~ as thousands of others have I suppose, which I hope you will pardon

P.S. If any of your help ever dies or goes to Texas, and you want a substitute to clean old battery cups or sich like, give us a call

Yours Respectfully

Henry May
Scranton, Pa.

EDISON'S

Speaking Phonograph.

E. T. GILLILAND, Manager.
NAT. HYAMS, Business Manager.

DISTRICT OF OHIO,

Cincinnati, July 17 1878.

T A Edison Esq
Menlo Park N J

Dear Sir

Yours enclosing letter from Messrs. Soderling agency of Amt of your patents duly recd. I have firm trembling or would have replied sooner. You did state in his letter to you that his competitors are backing Hughes claim to the microphone. This is accounted for from the fact that one of the firm is Hughes Brother.

When the controversy first began I made a statement to the Council which was published & mentioned Editorially to the effect - that your patents were applied for long before Hughes came to the fore.

I would be very glad if you would send me papers &c that would keep me posted as I am daily & you might say, hourly questioned & not wishing to confess ignorance sometimes compelled invent replies - Matter very hot not subsiding at present. Yours very truly

Eli T. Gilliland

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Agent.

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & DUPLICATING PRESS

142 La Salle St. Chicago JULY 17TH, 1878

T. A. EDISON ESQ.
RAWLINGS, WY. T.
DEAR SIR:

BEETLE WRITES THAT ROOSEVELT GETS 40 PER CENT OF THE RECEIPTS AT THE PHONOGRAPH EXHIBITS IN PARIS AND HAS TO PAY ALL THE EXPENSES. THE BALANCE OR 60 PER CENT GOES TO PUSKAS. MEANWHILE NO PATENTS ARE BEING SOLD AND NO MACHINES. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT PUSKAS OUGHT TO SEND OVER SOME OF THAT MONEY AND THAT I SHOULD HAVE MY SHARE. PUSKAS HAS NEVER WRITTEN ME A WORD AND WHILE MY INTEREST IS SMALL AND OF COURSE SUBJECT TO YOURS THERE IS SOME FAIRNESS DUE TO ME. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AND DROP ME A LINE OT LEAVE IT TILL YOU COME BACK AND STOP OVER HERE.

BEETLE SAYS THAT MC CORMICK IS WRATHY BECAUSE THE PHONOGRAPH IS NOT EXHIBITED H THE EXPOSITION SPACE.

IF PART OF THE RECEIPTS ARE SENT OVER TO THIS SIDE THAT DON'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE BUT THERE IS NO USE IN GETTING ILL WILL UNLESS IT PAYS?

BEETLE SAYS COUNT DU MONCELS RECOMMENDED THE PEN FOR A MEDAL TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF INDUSTRY AND THINKS IT WILL BE AWARDED..

BEETLE SAYS HERZ REFUSED TO GIVE UP THE QUAD. SET TO POPE ALTHOUGH HE HAD AN ORDER FOR IT.

THE PAPERS NOTICED YOUR PASSAGE THROUGH OMAHA.

RESPECTFULLY,

GEO. H. BLISS

GEN. MAN.

Geo. H. Bliss, Gen'l Mgr.

OFFICE OF ELECTRIC PEN & MULTIPLYING PRESS

142 LaSalle St., Chicago JULY 17TH, 1878

CHAS. P. EDISON ESQ.
MENLO PARK, N. J.

DEAR SIR:

YOUR ESTEEMED FAVOR OF THE 11TH INST WAS DULY REC'D.

I SUPPOSE THE DETRINE CAN BE PRUCHASED AT ANY WHOLESALE DRUG STORE?

IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR QUALITY NEEDED?

WHAT KIND OF PAPER IS USED?

IF I NEED ANY MORE INSTRUCTIONS WILL WRITE.

IF I SHOULD WANT A LOT OF THE MUCILAGE MADE COULD IT BE DONE AT MENLO PARK?

RESPECTFULLY,

Geo. H. Bliss

GEN. MAN.

No. 2.

J. J. Dickey

Union Pacific Railroad Telegraph Lines.
General Office, Omaha.

Dated Omaha July 17 1878

To Opr.-

Send all messages of Mr Thos A. Edison free

J. J. Dickey
Supt

J. J. Dickey

# UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent's Office.

J. J. DICKEY,
Sup't. Telegraph.

Omaha, Neb. July 17 1878

To Div Supts & Train Dispatchers &
Conductors U.P.R.R.

This will introduce Mr Edison the celebrated inventor & telegrapher
Please permit him & members of his party to ride on the Locomotive or where else they may desire —
Mr Dillon Post bespeaks for him Every courtesy of the Road and I shall especially esteem any attention you may be able to show him —

Very Respy
J J Dickey
J Supt Tel

J. J. Dickey

Union Pacific Railroad Telegraph Lines.

OFFICE U. P. R. R. DEPOT.

No. 1.

Received from Omaha 187

To Thos A Edison
Div Supt Dickinson
will meet you at Rawlins
tonight

J J Dickey

Express Note "Moriche"

To
L. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey.

From
Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.
18 July 1878.

Freece controversy - I saw Freece at his request. He was anxious to convince me of your entire and as he expresses it, "unaccountable error." He feels greatly grieved and so confident that you will in the end see your mistake. He was anxious to convince me of his entire right in the question - I emphatically declared that I should take no sides in the question personally. - I told him that you evidently felt that you had indisputable grounds for your suspicion and your charge and that you had taken measures to substantiate the same by documentary evidence which would be duly

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Express Note

To
L. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey.

From
Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.

forwarded to your Counsel here - Upon this, you would stand or fall - That it would be finally no question of opinion - I innerved trusted you would find yourself mistaken - Obviously, the result was to be hoped for as, if you were right the would be damned, whereas if you were wrong, you would have only made a mistake which you could fully amend by such a retraction I felt sure you would make - He read me two letters from Hughes and one from Morison which I thought you might like to see - of these, he gave me Copies sent to annexed.

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Express Note

To
T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.

When your documentary evidence referred to comes forward - I shall place it in the hands of the best Counsel for their opinion - and if the same sustains your charge, the whole thing shall be given to the Press - and there will be your vindication - I am sure this course you will approve and that you will appreciate the wisdom of my abstaining from any part in the Controversy - I told Preece that there seemed some doubt as to Adams having received fair play - He repudiated the insinuation and declared that he had no interest whatever in our body -

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Express Note

To
T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.

Telephone - you would have - that no Telephone yet seen, Hello, Gray, or anybody's was practicable or satisfactory - that he had publicly stated his opinion that yours was the most likely to be practicable - He is anxious to "yours" and hopes he to believe that every facility will be at my command in the Post-office - I thanked him for this, and said I should certainly call upon him if it were necessary - I shall hope have the private lines, as indicated in mine of yesterday -

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Express Note.

To T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.

Megaphone - Send me everything concerning this - and one of them with least possible delay - Leave buy proposition the selection of scientists best adapted in all our interests for bringing the thing before the public - Preece has had glory enough? We'll give somebody else a turn!

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Express Note.

To T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.

Toy Phonograph - Send me one of these as soon as possible -

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Express Note

To T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.

Invitations generally - I think we each better have an understanding with regard to my participation in the results of negotiations in your behalf applying generally to everything you may be good enough to send me - Think ~~Only~~ - I furnishing all the expenses of negotiation and patents &c - the fair thing would be one half - What do you say?

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Express Note

To T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.

Telephones - You will notice in Hughes's letter re microphone controversy that he distinctly declares your receiver to be a direct infringement of Bell's patent - Send me at once, everything you have to say on this subject personally, as well as everything there is to be said or has been, as shown by printed matter - I understand that immediately we move in this matter they intend to serve an injunction upon us - We must be fore-armed - I understand from you that the receiver is free? Give me the documentary evidence of this point - 8

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Express Note

To T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.
18th/98 3.00

Box by express referred to in yours of 3 inst received this morning all the packages for London are delivered - Mr Puskas being here, I have placed that addressed to himself in his own hand - He goes to Paris tomorrow taking it with him

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Express Note "Adriatic"

To T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London E.C.
18th/98.

Your Contract with Puskas -
You promised to send me a copy of this
I trust you will do so without delay - as he has been
spending some time with me - the result of which
is my possibly joining him in his Continental
business - and it may come about that I shall
purchase an interest in his interests with you -
It would save much trouble if I could know
exactly what his Contract with you is -
Apropos of this, he is very anxious to have me
interested in the Pattaja Contract - as he does not
get on with Pattaja - His recent interviews

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Express Note

To
T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From
Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London Ec.

10 July 1878

have been very unsuccessfully - We cannot get Pottage to admit that his receipts from Exhibitions amount to anything - What is still more important, I cannot get him to admit your right to any share in them - In view of all this, I have made me a body of a proposition to sell me one half of his interest in the Pottage Contract which I understand to be 3rd of all you get under that Contract - He asks me £500 for this - which is equivalent you see to 6 to interest - This is about half the amount I propose

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Express Note

To
T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From
Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London Ec.

to charge me for a share in yours - recently named at £1000 for 5th - but in view of the inducement which persuade Pushas to consider it desirable to sell me half of his interest for the amount named I submit to you that it is equally important in your interest - and I, in view of this, make you the proposition that if you will sell me the 5th of your interest for £500 - I shall then feel disposed to accept Pushas's proposition - If you assent to this, please cable me the word "Pottage" and I shall at once proceed in the matter - Pushas proposes to give me from himself the same power which you

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Express Note

To
T. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Park - New Jersey -

From
Geo. E. Gouraud
6 Lombard St. London Ec.

have given him as towards Pottage; but it would be altogether preferable if you accompanied it with a like power from yourself -

GEG

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[ENCLOSURE]

(1)

Hughes to Preece

Copy

94 Great Portland St London
April 5th 1878

Dear Sir,

You expressed a desire to read the life of Mr Edison by his friend. I enclose the same which you will kindly return when you have had time to read it. I thank you very much for giving me such an astonishing exhibition of the wonderful phonograph. It is evidently perfect as regards principle. The faults of the false vibrations are evidently due either to adjustment or some other slight cause. Like many persons I have made some experiments with the Telephone and have found many curious results, amongst which is that some bodies, or rather compounds, are sensitive to sounds as Selenium is to light. A piece of this 2 inches long by ½ thick when put in the circuit of three Daniel cells, a Bell Telephone or an Electro magnet held to the ear distinct sounds can be heard if it is scratched with a pen - in fact, if touched with the point of a feather it is heard very clearly. If a piece of this is put in a piece of wood (pine) say 2 in by ¾ and if this is held to the mouth speaking can be clearly heard. If it is put into a small open box, say a penny money box with its head out, as a resonant chamber and if you speak near this box in holding it up as you would an ordinary Bell telephone conversation can easily be carried on. I believe it is louder than the Bell Telephone but it has the same curious defects. V comes out the best of all & the worst. If you say "I must go to lunch" it comes out more like "must go to lunk" or some thing. It is however no greater sense in this respect than the "Bell". and it is very curious the phone has the same defect.

[ENCLOSURE]

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I am not yet prepared to tell the secret of this Compound because it is in too defective a state and as I have not much time for experiments I want to try and work it out quietly. In the meantime however it will perhaps be found out by many others, and if they do so from their own investigations it is perfectly fair, so at present the compound like Holloways pills is a secret. But if you would like to see, or rather hear the result, I will bring a couple of speaking boxes to your office and you can try them using your Bell Telephones as a receiver. as mine is not in a completed state and I shall not have time to finish that portion until the French Exhibition closes. So if you wish to see this affair in its present incomplete state are willing that I should show it you without telling the awful secret I will bring them down to your office any day you may name and you can plug in my box that I have, time your song like Miss Reeves, to the phonograph. I suppose you have Edwards cellars that I need only bring the speaking boxes or transmitters

D. E. Hughes

W. H. Preece Esq

[ENCLOSURE]

Hughes to Preece

Copy

Post
7 Upper Gloucester St London
April 30th 1878

Dear Sir. Thanks for yours of yesterday containing note from Mr Nursey, and I shall be most happy to show him as many experiments upon different materials &c as he may have time to inspect. I hope you can make it convenient to come with him. In the first place I am anxious to show your materials under pressure, strain &c so that you can judge if it is molecular action or to be explained in any other way. I want you to come also in your character of Scientific man and Electrician so that you can point out any errors of manipulation or observation.

You will see for the first time the Microphone (please suggest a good name for such an instrument) by which you can hear tones or sounds too feeble to be appreciated by the Ear alone. If I can catch a fly you will hear him walk over the piece of wood as a horse crossing a bridge - a peculiar tramp, peculiar to Mr Fly alone. I shall be at home every day this week between 2 & 4 P.M. If other hours would suit you better I should have to be informed in advance so as not to be absent. In any case hours if possible let me know a few hours in advance in order to prepare a few experiments. It would take two hours to go very quickly all the materials, demonstrations &c you can however choose the parts you want clearly demonstrated. And in fact we will try to demonstrate as much as possible in the few minutes you can have to spare. With many thanks for your kindness. &c &c

D. E. Hughes

W H Preece Esq

[ENCLOSURE]

N.B. Here are the letters Forward referred to in the letter I sent you. Keep these copies as I have sent the originals back by requisition.

Confidential

Paris June 12th 1878

My dear Preece.

I enclose a telegram I rec'd a few days ago by post from Glasgow (which had been wired from London). On account of the "London" and the "p" in the address I thought it might have been intended for Sir Henry Thompson (particularly as the newspapers have contained several paragraphs lately telling that he had been experimenting with the microphone and I sent it to him accordingly. He returns it to me thinking it must have been for me. I suspect he and I were confounded in Edison's mind. But in any case I think you should see it and you will no doubt wish to let Edison know that you had no idea of doing him injustice. He does I think deserve the first place in respect to credit for the microphone on account of what you told us at Plymouth ~~of what~~ (what he had done which involves the essential and some of the details of the affair very clearly I think). I should think Hughes has worked out what he has done so well quite independently.

Yours very truly
William Thomson

very unsatisfactory enquiry.

I must take this opportunity of expressing my regret at the action of the Stereoscopic Co: - they are declining to make your wonderful Chronograph - many persons have applied to me for it, and when I send them to the Stereoscopic Co: - the answer they give them is that it pays best to lend the instrument out for exhibition.

I trust before long persons will be able to purchase the marvellous instrument.

Respecting my thanks,


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London, W.C.

JOHN BROWNING,

*Optical and Physical Instrument Maker to Her Majesty's Government, The Royal Observatory, The Royal Society, and the Observatories of Cambridge, Utrecht, &c., &c.*


19 July 1875

My dear Sir,

I must tender you my best thanks for your kindness in forwarding me copies of various journals containing full accounts with illustrations of your numerous and important inventions - which references then have appeared in many of the English journals mostly accompanied by

Ans d'aug 26.74

[COPY]

London July 19 78

My Dear Sir I must tender you my best thanks for your kindness in forwarding me copies of various Journals containing full accounts with illustrations of your numerous and important inventions; brief references to them have appeared in many of the Eng Journals merely accompanied by very unsatisfactory engravings. I must take this opportunity of expressing my regret at the action of the Stereoscopic Co they are delivering to make your wonderful phonograph many persons have applied to me for it and when I send them to the Stereoscopic Co the answer they give them is that it may be best to lend the instruments for exhibition. I trust before long persons will be able to purchase the marvellous instrument. Repeating my thanks I am Yours faithfully + obliged

John Browning.

He sent you two of his works with this letter -G

Instbrock
19/7 1878.
119 Southtress.

Th. A. Edison Esq.
Menlo Parks
N. J.

My dear Sir,

Today I received the letter of which you please find copy here inclosed of Mr. Fenkes in reply to mine 5/5. –

Mr. F says that he has already made arrangements with parties in Vienna but he does not state their names so I do not know whom to address; I shall tell him so in my reply. –

It is very strange indeed that so little is said & done about your inventions over here; when in Boston & almost all over the States they speak of their usefulness.

Well, I suppose they don't know any better & go their own way about them. –

I come again to write to you about your Phonographs & Telephones as well as the Telephone-scope or Microphone. The Telephones if good, this is, giving the voice in a clear loud voice, without the crackling noise of the Bell Telephone have a good future, specially in places I long to try a pair in my own lead-mines at Vancouver. I come therefore again to ask you to send me a few of your best instruments. —

The Telephone-scope as you call your invention of an apparatus to assist deaf people to hear is of the greatest interest to me. I have spoken of it to a number of my friends, and I have been asked to write to you again; please let me know, if you really can help these poor people, if so please let me have a few of their instruments, as I think I can sell them at a good price and help them in their infirmity. You do a very good work in praising help to these poor mortals! How Hughes can claim the priority of the microphone discovery after having seen your article in the Sci. Am. Feb last year — I do not know! However, the compressed carbon as you use it is different from the imperfect contact of the Hunbage or Coke pointy and that you have found out long ago. Of Bell I hear nothing at all. Even W. Pond i dissolve to whom I have written knows nothing what has

is about.

Please tell me, has compressed lampblack as you use it really the property to increase sound without the battery? If so, why cannot compressed lampblack be placed between two sounding-boards? I have written to you in one of my previous letters, how I should like to help my son in Vienna by getting him to manufacture Microphones (or similar) Kitties. Have you made no trial with the mentioned instrument? As stated before, if a small & cheap instrument could be invented to increase the sound of speaking instruments, a great number could be sold at once & considerably money be made by the sale of such a patent.—

The articles you published in the first No. of your Journal Sir, are very interesting and see that you approach the Thermo-Electric qualifications of your carbons. Why not get up a Thermo Electric Battery. Have you tried to pass Bisulphide of Carbon Gas through your Carbon? I also think that the Carbon would become extremely compact & conductor of Electricity, and consequently more sensitive to heat.—

Please, dear Sir, let me hear more about your progress and let me have some of your new Telephones at once for practical trial in the Mine at once. Please forward them by Post to me 119 Montheater Sunderland

Copy!

Paris
July 17th 1878.

Mr. Henry
Manchester.

In reply to your letter of 5/5 addressed to me by Mr. Edison of Menlo Park adv. his experiments line for the Phonograph and Telephone I beg to say that there is not present but one model of Phonographs for sale (price not 200 fr) delivered here.

Although this instrument is perfectly large enough to demonstrate the principle of the invention the anticipation, yet it is hardly fit for public exhibition. A special instrument has been constructed for this purpose and is now shown at London and here in Paris. I have made arrangements with parties in Vienna and business will be started there shortly.

As soon as this is in order I shall let you know and we might possibly come to an understanding and be able to work together.

Believe me dear Sir, Yours very truly,
Geo. Parker.

I am now trying to animate a new cotton factory by introducing the Electric light. Mr. Hornsby and Vicomte & myself intend to use the Siemens & Hefner Maquet Electric machine with Mr Jablochkoff's candles, by your know of anything better? The cost of a machine with three lights is about $600.

I shall be pleased to hear from you soon & remain with best wishes,

Your very advisr

A. C. Henry

Already got an opt there

Lima. Peru. S.A.
July 19th 1875

Thos Edison Esq
Dear Sir

Before leaving N York in May last I had received your Rom. invitation to visit your laboratory at Menlo Park N.J. in reference to a regulator which effect I had made. But although I made the attempt I found it difficult to spare the time, in the few remaining days left my stay in America. I am now on my way to Valparaiso & Chili, where I expect to practice. Having spent a month in Peru on my way north. Think your permission I should like to be your Agt for Chili. & as soon as you think the Phonograph may be put on the market, please let me know. Also the telephone. In fact any of your ingenious inventions that you think could be introduced here. Answer me helpful for me N.Y. to Dr Dodge 20 Hart 20th St. Dr Chuck 25 East 34th St. Mr J Dale 2 Hart 56th St. & as long

Charlotte NC

With many expressions of regard I am &c

Very Truly

H. J. Elliott M.D. &c

Valparaiso

Chili S.A.

Ans Aug 27 76

E. Dickinson

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

AGENT'S OFFICE

Rawlins Station July 19 1878

Conductors Laramie Div—

This will pass Thos A. Edison
Party between Pt Neele & Creston
Good for 10 days—

E. Dickinson
Div Supt.

UNION PACIFIC
JUL 19 1878
RAWLINS

T. A. EDISON.

S. L. Griffin

Menlo Park, N. J., July 19 1878

Friend Al

Norm Yest. 92° in the
Sh here Now 90° (9 a.m.) It's
frightfully hot. Folks all
well Nothing special of interest
to communicate. J Norman Lockyer
arrived in My last Eve & starts
west at 7 P.M. today.
Telephones from P & C are at
Metuchen. will have them here
by noon. What shall we do in
regard to Butler whose letter
I send you?

S L G

Homer Ia July 17th 1878

Prof T A Edison
Menlo Park

Dear Sir

Am arranging to frame Your favor of some time past with a good engraving of Prof Morse. Can I with propriety ask Your photograph to enclose in same frame. Would then own a valued monogram of the Father and inventor Son of the Telegraph with Your beautiful writing in verse I received some months past. I invoke this favor as it is the only means to get glimpses of great men, when money to travel is lacking. Misfortune hitherto I can never see Menlo Park and its wonders by the "Wise Man." So I am forced to ask and trust You will furnish me the cherished delight of owning Your photograph and in the sweet by and by if we be allotted the same habitations will meet and thank You among the angels. Have no spiritual trout or poor devil of operators to send. accept my true thanks in their stead. Hoping Your kind considerations as to favoring me and hoping I have not asked too much Am with great respect Yours

E. S. Harris
Homer
Ia

P.S. Will avoid annoying You again and please don't forget this

Adieu

PARK PLACE
SUNDERLAND.

July 20. 1878

Dear Sir,

I have read an account of your Megaphone with great interest - it will be a blessing to the numerous class who are deprived of the delight of correct sounds and increase their daily pleasure immensely.

I wish you would let me have the patent for England - I can work it along with the Pen

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and perhaps make a little money out of it - will you kindly consider this.

Yours faithfully
J. H. Breckon

Thos. A. Edison Esq

Send Scientific American containing Cut & say that I am west but will return soon and will refer letter to me etc

J. H. Breckon

F. A. Hanaford

Acknowledged
July 23 78

Boston July 21st 1878

Friend Edison
I take the liberty
to write you a few lines
thinking perhaps you might
be willing to assist me to
a good situation Business
is dull still with me
just at present I have
been doing something
in Private Telegraph lines
for the last year
I have not been connected
with the Atlantic & Pacific
Tel Lines for more than
a year I should like very
much to get something that
will pay me better than I have

had for the last year
and thought perhaps
you might be willing
to assist me
I think of coming
to my next month
and intend to come
& see you in the meantime
I should be very glad
to hear from you and know
if there is any prospect
for me
Yours very truly
F. A. Stanford

P.S. Your Own address
Atlantic & Pacific
Tel Off Boston
or No 55 Prescott St
Somerville

Omaha 22.

T. A. Edison.

Sent two bundles papers by Yadaja train in care of Mr Adams among them the Chicago Tribune of 20th with your

Correspondence to N.Y. Tribune and Editorial from London Engineer about the Microphone Controversy.

L. B. Keeley

Paris July 2nd 78

Batch. I am going to give you a letter today one very thing I tell you it is red hot here I could tell you ~~good deal more~~ ~~things~~ what I want to write but what I do write you may repeat to anyone unless I say different. I guess you know that the foreign fen business has gone to hell - and that something has got to be done as soon as possible, for I tell you that there is money in it and plenty of it. If it is conducted right. Beetle has been in London now for nearly 3 weeks and so is Mac and by what I learn they have had a red hot time, see the letters that came from Beetle yesterday I will give you the substance of them but first let me tell you that Beetle does everything to hurt Edison that he possibly can when he first came to Paris he did not want to put Edisons name to the fen at all as he said that he was not an honest man I heard that before but only from persons employed by Beetle but when strangers and outside people ask me if I know Edison and when I say yes, know him as well as I do myself, what kind of a man is he and when I tell them they say it is strange there is Beetle upsetting an invention of his and he says that he is not an honest man and can't be trusted in any business matters I have not had this from one but many now Beetle comes home to night I shall make him deny it flatly before some of those

people or make him repeat it again and if he does in my presence I will send him home short of some of his front teeth. He is Gray and no one else, I don't know what Beetle statement is but I know it from Kern there has been sold 260 outfits at an average price of 20 dollars per outfit besides extras those pens have been sold without any effort on the part of any one, one agent is all that he has got in the whole of Europe. I can give you the correct figures in a day or two as Doctor Kern has made all the sales that have been made he has entered them up for his own benefit. It is evident that Beetle has got to care in soon and it is necessary that there should be no interruption in the business for if it once gets into the press that it has fell through the public will believe it is a failure – letter from B to Dr K. You post me to fullest of that, I met Frank Pope today and learn that Bailey is here and that Parkes will be here today. You evidently strive to keep me in the dark as close. You are extremely ignorant of what is going on around you I believe the former is the fact I hope you got through the rent matter today & that sales is good. Sell 20 or 25 outfits if possible even if you only get 25 dollars for No 2 and 30 for No 3 at least the money for a particular purpose. I shall reduce expenses on my return in every possible way and unless this matter goes off here I shall close up the pen business within the next 3 months. What about Italy? Dont stand on the

number of outfits I shall call on (Hickey) Pickas I know his address I shall see him and H. at 6 o'clock this Evening and it is possible that I can change the programme but I question my ability to do so. H. is a New York broker and you know that they can't be fooled one interview with Nottage was enough to open his eyes to the fact that the whole thing was being killed and there was no money for him in the enterprise.

Beetle.

"P.S. Keep down expenses and I will tell you something interesting when I come back. Beetle

I dont know if Max will come to Paris or not I hope he will as I would like to get to the bottom of it. As I am completely in the dark as to Max being in London. Tried some telephone experiments today with Count du Moncel and infer thence that the tick of a watch could be heard distinctly and other delicate sounds if you can send proofs and he will have them published and bring them before the Academie of Science there is one thing that he still harps upon, that is, that Kentz discovered that Carbon increased and decreased its resistance by pressure in 1879. He used powdered Carbon in glass tubes and one would know that any powdered Conductor would decrease itself resistance by being brought close together. I showed him the telephone the other day, he was very much pleased with it but as he did not mention anything about his discovery I did not to him. Count du Moncel will.

show the principle of the Electromotograph at the next meeting I presented him with a very nice hand Motograph yesterday. Doctor Keen & Herman Pothe is the man that wants to get the pen business. Pothe is easy for Pushaw he can get the money to make it go on at least has got it ready now, I have advised them to write to you direct If Edison wants you it up they wants to pay to Edison, Bell may try to put it into the hands of Roosevelt if it does it goes in as bad hands as it is now. He has got a large stock of Bell Telephones and not one of them will work he has ordered 2,000 with telephones. Gower has come here and condemned them all, Roosevelt wont take them but the manufacturer has forced him to take them as he had made them as ordered and did not care whether they would work or not. Between you and me Roosevelt is nothing but a gambler and runs the telephone to make Edison that he is a business man this is for only you and Edison to know only or pater for no one else to know that it came through me.

Adams

How do you like this letter?
J.L.G.

July 22 1878

Meadville Pa Crawford Co
P O Box 883.

Mr T A Edison
Menlo Park

Dear Sir.

Your circular in regard to the Megaphone. How do you intend to place it before the public through agents or in the hands of some company and about what will be the cost.

In regard to the Phonograph I received a card from the co saying that the territory for exhibiting the Phonograph was all taken and that the Phonograph will not be sold until Oct 1st. I am very sorry for this for I wanted a chance to exhibit the Phonograph this fall and winter

Like yourself I used to be an (operator and for that reason have always taken a great interest in your inventions. If there is a chance for my getting an agency for the Magaphone in this County or a chance to buy and exhibit the Phonograph the coming fall and winter Please let me know.

Yours Right
Dr T. G. McCabe

NB. Please find stamp enclosed
TGM

Dr T. G. McCabe

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., July 24th 1878

Thomas A. Edison. Rawlins Wy Ta.

Saw Walker today, he is anxious. He took me to some carbon telephones of Phelps make, one working to 25 ft and another of Brickley's — everything could be got perfectly. I told him I would bring over something a great deal better tomorrow. I am going to put a pair on then worst wire tomorrow I think it will astonish them. I have had a great deal trouble with P & O's instrs magn in magnet am making new ones all through.

Paid your insurance today

Guess I'm got Murray an order from Walker if he will make check through

I have taken no records of M. C. K. K. & R machine is ready but have had no time owing to telephone troubles.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., 187

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Don't give yourself any uneasiness as I have got the trouble by the ears and I shall yet get rid of them all by next Monday.

Should like to answer this controversy about microphone receiver but wait to see what you think.

Have sent taximeter patterns and a first rate new drawing to W. C. Mfg Co

Am getting along nicely with the press and die for Jim but cannot send it with the telephones

Phelps editor of Carbon telephone is good as it is exceedingly cheap, of course not as loud as ours I shall go and see him about that and shall

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., 187

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also insist on Edison Carbon telephone being put on all of them

Man writes to day for 20 carbon tels. from California, referred to Walker.

Charley sends Photo of P+C telephones today

Am paying Kinney $12 per week but he does not work here but at home is that to your satisfaction

Cheever has busted higher than a kite but Pinto and Hubbard were closed this afternoon & I understood that they had received everything so that it will be inconvenience, you will probably have more reliable information on this from them They say you have busted their business by giving them away to some Chicago reporter.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., 187

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Advise me about Jenis letters I am ready primed only waiting to know what you wish to do.
Can making 2 Megaphones and shake up them in two weeks at Watch Hill

Yours phonographically
— phonically Batch!!

What do you think of translation I sent of Phono. being put in class of telegraphic Duets (and it triduet they?)

Is it right for Scientific to ~~ad~~ print instructions on how to make a phono. and give dimensions etc without telling them that by making from them they infringe

D

Parkersburg, W. Va.,
July 24th 1878.

Prof. T. A. Edison,
Dear Sir,

Your courteous reply to my inquiries is before me, and your kindness is duly appreciated.

I would like to construct a magnetic engine to use on my carriage; and your mode of utilizing the electric power seems preferable to any with which I am acquainted.

If you are willing to grant me the right to construct an engine, and can find time to furnish drawings, with a detailed description of its several parts, so that I can make one that will serve my purpose, — say ½ or ¾ H.P. — I am willing to pay any fair amount for the privilege, and also for your trouble.

If you consent to oblige me, please let know your terms, and if I can afford

Rec'd Aug 28 71

Ans'd Aug 27 71

In approaching I will write again.

Yours truly,

J. M. Lauck.

# Royal Dublin Society.

Kildare-street, Dublin,
*July 24th*, 1878.

SIR,

I AM directed to inform you that a *Conversazione*, to which the Members and Associates of the British Association have been invited, will be given by the Royal Dublin Society on the evening of August 15th; and that on this occasion every facility will be given for the exhibition of objects of interest in Science and Art.

Should you be willing to place at the disposal of the Conversazione Committee any such objects, be kind enough to fill up the accompanying form, and to return it to me with the least possible delay.

The Committee will take great care of all objects entrusted to them, and the cost of carriage to and from Dublin will be paid.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

RICHARD J. MOSS,
*Registrar.*

T. A. Edison Esqr
New Jersey

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# WITH GREAT CARE.

THE CONVERSAZIONE COMMITTEE,

*ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY,*

*KILDARE-STREET,*

**DUBLIN.**

*Per* .....

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.....*, 1878.*

GENTLEMEN,

I propose, ~~subject to your approval~~ to exhibit the following objects at the CONVERSAZIONE of the Royal Dublin Society, on the Evening of August 15th, viz.:—

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The space required will be about ..... square feet.

*Remarks as to any special requirement.*

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*Name,* .....

*Address,* .....

THE CONVERSAZIONE COMMITTEE,
*Royal Dublin Society,*
*Kildare-street, Dublin.*

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WITH GREAT CARE.

THE CONVERSAZIONE COMMITTEE,

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY,

KILDARE-STREET,

DUBLIN.

Per .....

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Salisbury, N.C.
July 6th 98.

Dear Sirs I have thought that your facilities for invention were such you could invent some kind of automatic arrangement, not expensive, for running sewing machines. The great objection to their use now urged against them, is harm to that our females are injuring their health by the continual motion of the limbs from the hip downwards.

Apl. Yours
John H. Brown

Royal Dublin Society,
KILDARE-STREET.

July 25th 1878

Dear Sir

Professor Barrett, who has charge of the Physical and Experimental Exhibits at our forthcoming Conversazione, has suggested to me that even at such a short notice you might possibly be able to favour us with some Objects of great Scientific interest. If you

Clerk to the Committee will
be greatly obliged
I remain
Dear Sir
Yours truly
Richard J. Ellis
Registrar

161 Harrison Ave

Brooklyn July 25th 1878

Dearest Charles

"Am writing at the dictation of Mr. Robinson"

My wife wrote that Edison for a loan of $50 - & we said a Receipt from his Secretary stating he had gone to Colorado - Can you intercede & have the letter forwarded -

I think when Tom gets on the top of Pike's Peak - he will set fire to one or two of those Pine trees & start his Remington home and you will hear it - tho all through the heat saying send Robinson a check for $50 - what do you think Charley

Let me hear from you

Yours &c A. D. Robinson.

The Central District and Printing Telegraph Co.

OFFICE, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,

Corner of Fifth Avenue and Wood Street.

Pittsburgh, July 26 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 23rd
not rec'd. There are several
mills here that hand rolled
iron much thinner even than
yours, but none make a business of
it. One large concern expressed
a willingness to roll you some
in sheets 10 to 12 inches square.
If it would be any accommodation.
It would be only on the ground of
an accommodation — they would not
take an order.

Yours &c
J. H. A. David

I have gone to consult Crumbs in
the matter in order to get what you
want — hence the delay. —

Laboratory of
Thomas A. Edison
Menlo Park, N.J.

July 26th 1878

T. A. E. (Wyoming) Hawlins.

Dear Sir,

The telephones in the first, had no magnetism in them I have made new ones and get exceedingly loud talking clear and can be heard 10 ft away. Notwithstanding this, when I put them on Brooklyn wire five miles to Scotts house which is the worst wire in the country it worked well, but not so well as the small Phelps receiver the difficulty being its resonant qualities being so great that it appeared muffled I did not try another wire as I know it is ok for any other wire but such a one as 23rd St to Scotts wire which runs on poles in N.Y. with 12 others, cable, & then 40 wires on poles for 4 miles. If there was any noise in room I do not think that the Phelps would be so good. I left them there and took over another pair to day with smaller diaphragms

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1/8 in clear of ferrotype plate and although the diaph. were 2½ hundredths away from core the magnets were so strong that they were very loud still there is such a reluctance to them that Scott likes the Edison Phelps better I expected to get Murray an order but I must demonstrate to them that this form will work better even on that line than the other. I think it advisable not to send pins or Gouands until we have worked the Brooklyn wire better than the Edison Phelps inst. does which is poor to say the best although they seem perfectly satisfied with it. We have got so much loudness that I am putting in some heavier diaphragms for experiment. I know if you were here you would far prefer ours because the Phelps rec. would be too low for you, but I must satisfy them on that wire and then I think we can safely send them to Europe shall put up McKenzie's and also send Smith of Central America and two to Mexico I hope to write you shortly of success of Brooklyn wire —

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I went to see Cheever about your telegram today and he said that he presumed you meant the balance on $6000. I told him that I presumed it was. He said there was due from him about $600 and from Painter $100 which was balance of $6000 He said that he was restrained from paying anything and that you would be obliged to wait 3 weeks or a month and he was sure you would do that knowing the trouble he was in. He said that he thought Painter must have wired you to do this but told me not to say so as he did not know but he might be mistaken. He told me that he had sold out ~~to~~ telephone to Hubbard & was going out of it. Will see Painter to-morrow & see if there is any chance of getting it out of ~~him~~ Cheever.

Everything is going lovely except that the telephones not going right off to my satisfaction keeps us at it night and day instead of doing other experimenting I shall send 300 Carbon buttons to Chicago Monday or Tuesday

Yours as ever

Batchelo

Chicago, Thursday evening
July 29 1875

My dear Mr. Edison

I will be to Chicago tomorrow
but am so tired I can not see you here
but am a thousand times obliged
for your kindness and attention

Yours in great haste
[illegible]

P.S. Yale Union College
has just honored Edison in conferring
upon him a D.D.

Innsbruck
July 28th 1878.

Professor T. A. Edison
Menlo Park.
N. J.

Dear Sir,

Your most esteemed letter of July 9th has duly come to hand and its contents noted. My last letter with the copy of M. Puskas letter you have no doubt received ere this, also a few new photos which I hope will please you. The application of your megaphone to musical instruments is still occupying my mind and I intend to make a few experiments myself. I should like to learn your opinion on the subject. Springs to give greater tension to sounding boards are already employed, and are beneficial because they stretch the fibers of the wood, nor I think, that as your Carbon disks or sticks - prepared from compressed lampblack - have the property of concentrating sound waves, these disks or sticks will when placed between two springs intend the sounding board, increase the volume of the sound better the instrument itself.

I may be mistaken, but the matter is worth trying. I have written to my son in Vienna about it, but he writes that he thinks the quantity of carbon too small to have any perceptible effect on the sound of a string instrument, prefers trying it in a table having a thin sounding board at top & bottom.—

Concerning the Carbon Telephone I come again to ask you to be so kind and forward a few for trial in my lead-mine. I have been at Nassereith last week & made again several experiments with the Bell Telephones I have there. From the shaft (82 metres deep) the voice is heard very distinctly but only when two Telephones are used & these closely pressed to the ears. There are now several quite extensive mining Companies willing to introduce the Telephone, provided if the sound is louder than Bells and if the price cheaper. I think you do better not to unite with the Bell Company for the reason that your Carbon Telephone will be used everywhere in preference of the Bell's instrument because it requires for a call no separate bell & Magn. El. energy.

Near Innsbruck we have on a mountain at Hall, an extensive Salt mine. The Clay & limestone containing the salt particles are thrown into a large water reservoir inside the mountain and the salt leached out, the brine runs down in wooden tubes to the large evaporating pans in the small town below. In winter time it happens frequently that all communication is cut off by immense avalanches & snow drifts. The only way they have now to communicate intelligence is to throw small balls of wood containing the written communication onto the brine that carries them (3–4 hours distant) down to the lower reservoir. They have no electric communication as yet. The question is, cannot the brine be used as conductor (but where is the return current?) The superintendent has been to see me several times about it & we studied about the way how to try it. It is an interesting problem. Electricity always runs along the best conductor, and as brine is a good conductor I should think I could get some signals along. Wires are corroded by the

congratulations and wishes for such a delightful
long expected & well merited reward.
With great satisfaction I read your Commun.
notwithstanding the Rev. Amos Thayer. You also
for your sending me the paper containing the
article on the oval of Trinity Cathedral. I
wished I could see it too.
The possession of one of your Phonographs
for exhibition is a great desideratum,
but it seems that it cannot be realized
so cheap as I thought it would.
Please do not forget to let me know how
I & Mrs Phillips & wife may be there.
Dear General, Gentleman & Lady, the
with most sincerely thanks, they deserve, if I
have not received any of them to
satisfy with my sincerity. I forth other kind
regards to Mrs Hale & your editor of
the Journal of Commerce for Mentor Mo, who
for several years has been editor of
& for love to you & the Phonog. me
and my wife very well as has been
almost 2 years in this country.
Excuse my writing to you at such
length, hoping to hear from you at your
leisure & remain, dear Sir,
Yours most truly
A. L. Henry

T. A. EDISON, No 1 S. L. Griffin

Menlo Park, N. J., July 29 1878

T. A. Edison Pawling Wy

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Care Frank Bi Rhe Telegraph Office
San Francisco

S. L. Griffin

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Patent Finished Telegraph Wire,
Patent Rubber Covered Wire,
Patent Lead Incased Wire,
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Telephone Cords, Cables, &c.

OFFICE OF

EUGENE F. PHILLIPS,

No. 67 STEWART STREET.

Providence, R. I., July 29 1878

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your favor of the ____ with order, which shall have our immediate attention.

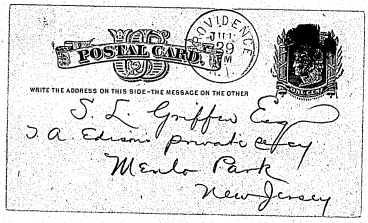
Griff - Could you oblige me with two of Tom's Carbon buttons such as you showed me up stairs & I'm feeling a little rough like I'm of you could spare them. Thanks for the paper

Respectfully yours,

T. Sawyer

W. H. SAWYER, Electrician and Supt.

EUGENE F. PHILLIPS.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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

S. L. Griffin Esq
To a. Edison private office
Menlo Park
New Jersey

"Yacht Lalla Rookh"
Cowes July 30. 78

Dear Sir

I enclose a copy of a letter I am sending to "Nature" and to the N Y Herald and ~~the~~ N Y Tribune. I am sending a copy of it also to Mr Preece and Mr Hughes

Believe me
Yours Truly
William Thomson

Edison Esq

"Yacht Lalla Rookh"
Cowes July 30. 78

To the Editors
Nature, N Y Herald, & New York Tribune

Sirs. The pleasure with which those beautiful discoveries and inventions, the Telephone, the phonograph and the microphone have been appreciated by the world has been unhappily and I must say, I think unnecessarily marred by one of the most disagreeable things that can be thrust on the public - a personal claim of priority accompanied by accusations of bad faith, especially when made against any one of whose name and fame the public has come to feel concerned.

Before troubling the public at all with such a matter Mr Edison might surely have reasoned

out his claim his claim with Mr Preece with whom he has been from the beginning in correspondence; or he might have written immediately to the public Journals calmly pointing out the close relations between his own "Carbon Telephone" and Mr Hughes subsequent "Microphone". The scientific public could then have calmly judged and would have felt much interest in judging how much in common or how much not in common there may be in the physical principles concerned in the two instruments. But by his violent attack in the public Journals on Mr Preece and Mr Hughes charging them with "piracy" and "Plagiarism" and abuse of Confidence he has rendered it for the time impossible for either them or others to give any consideration whatever to his claims. Nothing can be more unfounded than the accusations! Mr Preece himself gave at the Plymouth meeting of the British Association last august a clear as thoroughly appreciative description of Edisons Carbon Telephone and published it in the printed reports of his lectures which appeared in the public Journals! The beautiful results thereon since the beginning of the present year by Mr Hughes with his Microphone were described by himself in such a manner as to leave no doubt but that he had worked them out quite independently and that he had not the slightest intention of appropriating any credit due to Mr Edison. It does seem to me that the Physical principle used by Edison in his Carbon Telephone and by Hughes in the Microphone is one and the same. And that it is the same as that used by M Clérac of the French Administration des Lignes telegraphiques" in the Knible

resistance carbon tubes which he had given to Mr Hughes and others for important practical applications as early as 1866 And that it depends entirely on the fact long ago pointed out by Du Moncel that increase of pressure between two conductors in contact produces diminution of electrical resistance between them.

I cannot but think that Mr Edison will see that he has let himself be hurried into an injustice and that he will therefore not rest until he retracts his accusations of bad faith publicly and amply as he made them

I am Your obedient servant
(Signed) William Thomson

Respectfully
Aug 16 78

49 Chambers Street,
New York City, July 30, 1878.

Prof. Thos. A. Edison.

Dear Sir

We deem it our duty to make you, who has been hailed as the greatest inventor of the age with justice, who stands so thoroughly identified with scientific progress, acquainted with a fact which we have no doubt will at first contemplation amuse you, on second thought startle you and finally interest you and claim your closest attention. This fact simply is that we have succeeded in solving the problem of the utilization of wave-power for the propulsion of ocean vessels, not with the same sorry effect as so many countless visionaries have done before us, but to the entire and complete sa-

tisfaction of such men as Robert H. Thurston, Prof. Eng'g at the Stevens Institute of Technology, late U. S. Naval Academy, as De Volson Wood, the celebrated mechanician and mathematician, Chas. N. Macton, whose life has been devoted to mechanism, Alfred M. Mayer, the mention of whose name amply suffices, and thousands of others, including experienced seamen, superintendents of the ocean navigation companies, &c. Indeed, nobody ever left us after our explanation, not fully convinced of the undeniable truth of our solution. We deem it necessary to mention all this as a guarantee that we are not wasting your time by permitting you to attend to the consideration of a fallacy. We have the written approval of men who never were guilty of failing to detect fallacies, like Prof. Thurston.

Our solution is at once scientific and mechanical, at once a principle and a fact. The principle the highest scientific authorities here have admitted, the fact is there. We can take any vessel across any sea on any length of voyage without steam, and no expense for any power whatever. We have built a 6 foot model, which is now on exhibition at our office for inspection. Cross examination of both of us by the highest authorities has failed to detect a single flaw in our argument. We are now at work at the construction of an Engine for the first practical experiment, and hope to present our solution to the world, and establish it, within three or four months.

In the meanwhile, if you deem this worthy of your interest, we shall be most gratified to satisfy

you of the correctness of our Engine; we have full and clear working drawings of the whole invention from copies of which we are preparing to build. Our model shows the idea at a glance.

We can conceive of no greater pleasure and honor than to receive you at our office as soon as your manifold and arduous duties will permit of a few leisure hours; we promise you that you will never regret having cast but a glance upon this conquered problem.

Awaiting your opportunity, we have the honor to remain, dear Sir,

Yours very Respectfully,

Henry Gemer & Son

Ans'd Aug 27 '78

Richard Gemer, M.E. Capt. Henry Gemer, C.E. & M.E.
Late Capt. Engineers

P.O. Box 1544

Homer La July 30th/78

Prof T. A. Edison
Menlo Park

Dear Sir

Just completed the framing of Your excellent photograph, and am seated to offer my very sincere thanks, Yourself and Phono will be remembered with very great reverence, and in conclusion as I know Your time is valuable, let me wish You the language of Rip-Van-Winkle "Long Long and flourish, with emortal distinction" all appropriate and complete in my southern retreat now

Yours with great Respect
E. I. Harris

OFFICE OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION
COMPANY

Parkersburg W. Va. July 21 1878

Prof. Thos. A. Edison,
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Your P. C. of 2d inst. received, referring me to Sci. Amer. July 13 to article & cut about your Harmonic Engine. I rather like the looks of it, but fear the cost will be greater than the majes who use Sewing Machines can afford. Please advise me if they are being manufactured, and what the cost of one will be for applying to a Florence Sewing Machine, with a cabinet.

Truly Yours,
John M. Brown,

(July 31)
W. C. Sharer

Mr Edison

Dear Sir

I presume your correspondence with the inquisitive would have become quite extensive and I should deem it add to the number were I not in a measure excusable

Let me explain

You may possibly remember when you boarded at 74 Cambridge St Boston a young country student boarding at the same place and attending school at the Institute of Technology

You may also remember of the many conversations upon various subjects

in which you indulged in
his room. In fact being
ahead of a listener or at
most occasionally asking
a question.
In view of those pleasant
chats and the vivid recollection
of them I make bold to
wish you alone, to ask
you a question or two.
A dear friend of
mine who has become
interested in the study
of Electricity, and its various
phenomena, by reading of
your many Electrical in-
ventions asked me, re-
cently, what was the
best work on Electricity
I was unable to answer and thought
in the strength of an ac-
quaintance of about 10
years ago. I would in-
trude myself into your
notice to the extent of
asking your opinion about it
That is, the best work de-
voted to Electricity alone
For I have not seen you
since the Summer of 1869
I think — I have watched
you from time to time as
I have been able and taking great interest in anything
which came from your
hands or brains.
And allow me as one in-
terested in the progress of
Science to congratulate you
upon your deserved success
For I presume the sat-
isfaction you yourself
experience when an ob-
stacle is overcome, is

more again than any praises that men can bestow.

Again apologizing for intruding myself

I remain
Respt Yours
W. C. Sharrow
N. Abington Station
Plymouth Co. Mass

July 3 1875

Geo. Fox Esq

1879.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., 187

Professor Henry Draper
Dobbs Ferry
New York

Have seen Professor Barker and arranged to accompany you as proposed. He will write you tonight from Philadelphia.

Thos. A. Edison.

T. A. Edison

PM Mrs Fox from New York wants see you.

Hello. doctor, how are you old man, I said off here for repairs was aff played out when did you get there

I leave here on first train which is tomorrow morning they tell me I will be at Rawlins on Sunday night I suppose have you got a bunk for me,

~~[illegible]~~
Alexander Pool (July 1876)
57 New Jersey Railroad Ave
Newark
Come up and see us
Edison

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T. S. Cunningham

No. 1.

# Western Union Telegraph Company.

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WILLIAM ORTON, President. | New York.
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JAS. O. NIBLE, General Sup't. | San Francisco.

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San Fran Aug 18 1878

Received at Sacramento, Aug 18 1878 10 PM

To Dr Thomas A. Edison
West Bound Train

Will you sit tomorrow morning at Elite Studio for Photograph

T. S. Cunningham

10 Paid
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San Francisco Aug 1 1878

The Union Club, at the request of Mr Geo S Ladd tender to Mr Thos A Edison the privileges of their Club House for the period of fifteen days

J McCann
Committee

708 California Street.

Geo. S. Ladd
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Geo. S. Ladd

Gold & Stock Tele
222 Sansome St

New York July ~~aug~~ 1st 78

S L Griffin Esq

Dear Sir

In regard to the Tin foil bill I know it has not been paid for but it has not been through any fault of omission on my part - I understood from Smith that Edison furnished the supplies - in this understanding I am borne out by the written Contract between Edison & Smith which reads "Whereas said Edison has furnished Smith Phonograph & supplies therefor for exhibition purposes on west Coast of Nth & South America free of charge" &c - Mr Smith has not as yet reached the principal field of his labors having only been able to deliver 2 exhibitions as yet one in Panama & one in Aspinwall with trifling pecuniary success because of the insignificance of the places mentioned - Accurate accounts of the receipts will be kept & Mr Edisons percentage be paid when I hear from him

from Central America where he has lately gone - according to the reading of the Contract I dont see how I can be charged for the Foil - My original order was for 4 Telephones and I expected them on Tuesday. but was obliged to ship what I had & cannot say when I will make next shipment, if you will assure me that I can have them (Ellis) whenever I want them on giving a reasonable notice I will let them rest for the present but if there is any uncertainty as to my being able to get them at the time wanted I will take them at once or as soon as you can bring them to me. I have found your letter to me July 1st - in which you say you would charge me $30 for each station. Please advise me as to Telephones

To oblige

Very truly yours
D C Ludwig

Wm Ellis
Mr Ellis
Attention

George S. Ladd

Geo. S. Ladd, President.
Jas. Gamble, Vice President.

M. Greenwood, Treasurer.
Jno. I. Sahin, Superintendent.

# Gold and Stock Telegraph Co.

Of California.

OFFICE, NO. 222 SANSOME STREET.

San Francisco, 7 Aug. 1878.

My dear friend:

This will introduce Prof. T. A. Edison, the well known inventor of the phonograph and other marvels.

Please show him the mines and other lions of Virginia, and place me under further obligations

Truly yours,

Geo. S. Ladd

W. H. Smith Esq
Virginia City

George S. Ladd

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San Francisco, Aug 21 1878

Col. Jas. G. Fair
Virginia City

My dear Sir:

I take great pleasure in introducing Prof Thos A. Edison, the distinguished inventor, who is anxious to visit the mines.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will extend to him the opportunity of doing so, under favorable circumstances, and he may possibly reciprocate your courtesy by inventing some apparatus which will not only divine the location of hidden bonanzas, but also estimate their extent and value with all the mathematical precision of a professional mining expert.

With kind regards,
Truly Yours,
Geo. S. Ladd

T. S. Cunningham

Palace Hotel

San Francisco 2nd Aug 1878

Dear Sir.

An old Operator now in the photograph business would be very much obliged if you would call at our gallery. Our pictures are "second to none", and if you would call to-day we will not detain you twenty minutes.

Very Respectfully

T. Cunningham

Dr. Thomas A. Edison

S. L. Griffin

Menlo Park Aug 2d 78

Friend Al

I send herewith a document of some interest to you. McL has been here today in very much disappointed at not finding you here. He looked down with foreign news some of it daily interesting to you. I asked him to write you fully also he said he would do so tonight. He says Adams is representing himself as the inventor of the carbon telephone, and as your partner &c &c. Bolch has expressed himself as of the same mind) that Adams is, to say the least overdoing the matter. It galls me to read Count du Moncel speaking of Mr Adams as "your Colleague." Aren't you afraid he may do you incalculable, and irreparable injury?

I am sending you everything of importance, you may think I am sending too much but I connect Bolch and send what we both deem most interesting. I have Brewer & General's opinion on your Eng patent No 2909. It is very long or I would copy it & transmit to you. Prof B says you are getting fat and I am glad to hear it. You folks all well –

Yrs &c S L G

Jay G. Kelley

Palace Hotel

San Francisco Aug 3 1878

T. A. Edison
Palace Hotel

Sir

Would like to see you for few moments on a subject of vital importance in Mineralogy in connection with one of your inventions. Please make an appointment

Yours Truly
Jay G. Kelley Chemist
987 Mission St

If an interview is not granted if you will correspond with me I will give you the points to which I refer

Jay GK

No. 1.

A. G. Stolbrand

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JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, San Francisco. | WILLIAM ORTON, President, A. B. HILLYER, Secretary, | New York.

Los Angeles 3 1887

Received at S. F. Aug 2 187 11 15 A.M.

To Thomas A Edison

If you can possibly spare the few extra hours necessary to extend your trip to Los Angeles we cordially invite you to do so and although I cannot promise to present you with the freedom of the city of the angels in a gold snuff box you will be heartily though unostentatiously welcomed

A. G. Stolbrand

2 1-1 1 Pm.

Newhall House,
J. F. ANTISDEL, Proprietor,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Rathbun House,
A. R. ANTISDEL, and CHAS. CUMMINGS, Proprietors,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

# ANTISDEL HOUSE,

COR. MICHIGAN AND WASHINGTON AVES.

One Block West of City Hall.

Wm. W. ANTISDEL,
Proprietor.

DON C. ROGERS, } Clerks.
H. DISTEL.

Detroit, Aug 3rd 1878.

Thomas A. Edison Esq
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce Mr J.C. O'Redington of Brooklyn, N.Y. Mr Redington has been exhibiting a Speaking & Singing Telephone in the West with very flattering success. Any courtesies extended him will be duly appreciated by

Yours Truly
W. H. Wheeler
Jr. Manager

Edison's Speaking Phonographs
Michigan

T. A. EDISON.

(Aug 6? - telegrams to "Phone Edison in. Pawlins Way. from Menlo Park)

Menlo Park, N. J. 187

Usual only one from the Editor of the electrician did Patbin publishe and the engineer article - Ed -
Q - yes - and comments were favor able. I have sent you about ten letters and some papers how long are you going to stay there mrs E wants to know - ms E -
all right - I will be home about the 1st of aug - so every thing going on right how are the new telephone - RS.
Q -
batch says got instr from P+C magnets a failure have made a magnet with one quarter stick and much more magnetism than the one wesnt them -

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., 187

have a pair working between here and depot works good make them better
Look elegant everybody thinks they –
Q are the spools connected right gaboony –
Batch says you can make them all right –
Shall be able to fit every body up this week –
I have made some Silks that tel forty have got phonauto very sensitive with thin stretched rubber diaph and shall take some records on Monday night if a fine night. Can u get me well muffle & get letter from Seabrooke –
E – rall – I pay dmge

S. L. Griggin

Aug 5. '78.

Dear Al

Pope returned from Europe last week. Mrs E's health is not of the best. She is extremely nervous and fears a great deal about you, and about everything. I take it to be nervous prostration. She was so frightened yesterday for fear the children would get on the track that she fainted. This morning I telegraphed Dr Ward who came at noon. She is better now, but I have advised her to make her proposed trip among her friends at Whitestone L. I. as soon as possible and she will start Thursday next. She needs a change w. right away. as the Cars keep her awake at night and this causes her to lose strength. Of course there's nothing serious in this, but I thought it might be of interest to you. If she showed symptoms worse I would telg you.

The Wd. will not have your P & C Telephones they prefer Phelps style which he is now getting up arranged so one can write while they receive a message. I delivered 2 to Wood & Delpeso today.

Yours &c S. L. G.

MANUFACTURERS OF

Patent Finished Telegraph Wire,
Patent Rubber Covered Wire,
Patent Lead Incased Wire,
Patent Electric Cordage,
Telephone Cords, Cables, &c.

OFFICE OF

EUGENE F. PHILLIPS,

No. 67 STEWART STREET.

Providence, R. I., Aug 5 1878

*Gentlemen:*

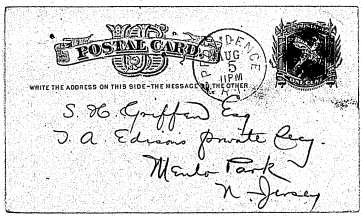
*We are in receipt of your favor of the* _____

*with order, which shall have our immediate attention.*

Buttons heated into 18.00.00.00.00 pieces exactly.
Cutting will take a piece of board wood or metal same thickness of button
shall be hole the shape of button, parade piece of card on bottom
drop in button & cover with another piece of proper packet
They will come gently thru in a box. I hope you have nothing else
to do but attend to my wants hence my check — 4.00.

*Respectfully yours,*

*W. H. SAWYER, Electrician and Supt.* EUGENE F. PHILLIPS.


POSTAL CARD
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
AUG 5 11PM
S. H. Griffin Esq
J. A. Edison Private Sey.
Menlo Park
N. Jersey

Genoa August 5 1878

Mr Thomas A. Edison

Menlo Park, U.S.A.

Dear Sir

Your powder Yesterday safe in my hands – and many thanks – I wrote to Mr Puchas, Paris for the business of representation –

Thanks for the Rockow Crew

argt. The translation of that
article shall be published in
a few days by me in the first
newspaper of this town – the
letters – I would like to have
the description as full of details
as possible of your different
inventions to send to the dif.

ferent scientific newspapers
and to make a lecture on
them in the School of
Civil Engineers of this Uni.
versity –

Ready at your orders in
what I can be useful to
you in my country, and hoping

V. de Francias

to have the honour to be
in a short time appointed
your agent. I have the
pleasure of being

Very truly Yours

V. de Francias

V. de Francias

T A Edison Esq
I can change 2-
Milling Machines
for Amco Edging
Machine will I
do it or not
Answer soon

Murray

Do as you think best
8-6-78

Frank B. Rae
210 Pm

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 7 188

San Fran 7

S L Griffin
Menlo Park

Mr Edison left for Yosemite Thursday
Will reach Rawlins on Twelfth
does not return to San Fran
Two Letters recd & forwarded to
Rawlins

Frank B Rae

73 SH
FBR

Scranton Aug 8/75

T. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir

I shall esteem it a great favor if you could grant me an interview at your earliest convenience. If granted please to & inform me as to date

Your Respectfully

Henry May

I will be here every day

(Form, No. 4.)

**Philadelphia & Southern Mail Steamship Co.,**

OFFICE, PIER 22,
SOUTH WHARVES.
(Below Pine St., Delaware River.)

WM. L. JAMES, Gen'l Agent.
CHAS. S. TEAL, Sec'y & Treas.

Philadelphia, Aug 8 1878

Mr. Thos. A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

My father J. E. Strong, Salem, Oregon writes me under date July 28th as follows, "I want to "get an Edison Phonograph instrument "to use at the State Fair which "commences Oct 8th. I would like also "Edisons Telephone for two offices "I wrote Mr Edison abt. them & he "replied that certain arrangements "made with parties, prevented him from "selling any until Oct 1. I then "got Mr Grimold to write to his son "in NY. & upon his seeing Mr E. "Mr E. referred him to the Edison "Speaking Phonograph Co. P.O. Box 5139

"New York, & they told him that
"Saml Hubbard, Bell Telephone Co
"San Francisco was agt.. I have
"written Mr Hubbard twice but get
"no reply — "It takes so long to
"write to N.Y. that I begin to feel
"discouraged

"Please see what you can do
"about it. I would like to have
"them sent at once by Express C.O.D.
"or if I could find out in time how
"much they would be, would send the
"money in advance.

"Mr. Edison wrote me that ~~the~~
"Phelps & Co of N.Y. were making his
"Telephones & I wrote them at once
"but had no reply. I have the Phelps
"Telephone but am told that the Edison
"is far superior, & I want the best to Es-
"tablish short lines"

Father's experience in Construction
& management of Tel. Line & electrical
matter covers some 30 years & he
still takes considerable interest in the

(Form, No. 48.)

**Philadelphia & Southern Mail Steamship Co.,**

OFFICE, PIER 22,

SOUTH WHARVES.

(Below Pine St., Delaware River.)

WM. L. JAMES, Gen'l Agent.
CHAS. S. TEAL, Sec'y & Treas.

Philadelphia, _____ 187

Especially in the Wheelers & Phonogr.
I wish you would trouble yr-
self so far as to find me in
the way of obtaining, or having
the Instruments asked for, sent
by Express immediately to Salem
An early reply will greatly
oblige

Yrs Very truly
A. L. Strong
Pier 22 South Wharves
Phila.

PS
I am unable to find any one
in Phila. who can fill the order
& was advised at Mr Bentley's
office to write you — A.

Mantic Ct. Aug. 9th 1878.

Mr. Griffin.

Dear Sir.

I address you because I understand that Mr. Edison is in California.

I wish to know as nearly as possible when the Phonograph will be so perfected that merchants & others can begin to use it satisfactorily in correspondence.

My partner in China, Mr. Brown, makes the inquiry & adds that if they really work satisfactorily without serious drawback they will have quite a sale among the merchants of the East. We also want to know the very best terms commission &c. which Mr. Edison will give us on these - commercial phonographs.

Our expenses are very heavy, & the risks to life & health great in the East. On these accounts manufacturers are usually quite willing to give us more generous commissions than to agents in any other countries.

If he will deal liberally with us, & give us the sole agency of his inventions, we will promise to

work energetically, and we feel very certain that we can accomplish more for him than any other parties in the East can.

Will you do me the favor to inform me (as I leave no doubt you easily can) ~~to inform me of the~~ as to what is the first cost to contractors, of telegraph lines per mile in the U. States & England, respectively; & what the average price recd. by contractors in said countries?

How many poles are allowed per mile, & what is their estimated cost each, - also the cost of setting each, on the average, & what is the first cost of wire per mile?

Also what is the first cost of the instruments & battery necessary at each station, & what the price usually charged by the "dealer" to the "consumer"?

I want this data to use in connection with the introduction of the Carbon Telephone and I shall appreciate it as a great favor if you will kindly reply as explicitly as possible to my questions.

Yours very truly.

E. W. Kellogg.

# Washoe Club.

Virginia, Aug 9 1878

The Washoe Club, at the request of Mr. Stafford tender to Mr. John A. Edson the privileges of their Club House for the period of ~~fifteen~~ 30 days.

Geo H Dana
C. H. Bullock } Trustees.

Douglas Smithing, South C Street.

R. M. Galbraith

No. 1.

# Western Union Telegraph Company.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

JAS. GANDY, General Supt. San Francisco. | WILLIAM ORTON, President, A. H. REEVES, Secretary. | NEW YORK.

17 5 Rawlins Wyo Aug 9 1878

Received at Virginia City Aug 9 1878 12 55 PM

To Thos. A. Edison

All right

Yours Truly

R. M. Galbraith

GDM Cs

S. L. Griffin

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 10 1878

Mr E. H. Brown
Manager W. U. Tel Co St Louis
Dear Sir,

Mr Edison is expected to attend the Convention of Scientists at St Louis about Aug 20th I mail him an important letter today in your care which he will consider a favor if you can get it to him. I think he will stop with Prof Rees but I am unacquainted with Prof Rs address. Will you please attend to this and greatly oblige

Yours Very Truly
S. L. Griffin
Secy

Menlo Park Saturday

E. L. Griffin

Aug 10. 1878

Friend Al

Mrs E went to Whitehall L. I. Thursday to be absent a week or ten days. Batch and the rest are just starting for Washington to take the Schooner for a cruise. They only chartered it for one day. I rec'd your letter about Scientific Am (July 10th) and have Langley get today I know when they first appeared some 200 marked. Batch thought we could not afford to buy them. I write now to send a copy of a letter from Sir Wm Thomson which explains itself. Evidently Preece has brought no little pressure to bear on Sir Wm T in order to induce him to write as he does. It is a "medicine" I think but I guess you will survive it. The Clock work Phono with new fan was started today & gives much better results than previous experiments but yet it is not quite perfection. Everything quiet except that Croton was discharged day before yest'y by Kruesi. I do not know what for.

Kalnaros the Turk (Armenian) wants 2 telephones for Turkey. I telegraphed you today but have rec'd no ans as yet. Got the first phono from Pool yest'y. Haven't tried it yet. Batch is making new mouthpieces for an Experiment. He was at Pools all day yest'y & says they are all right

Yours Geo Gaff

P. H. Shaughnessy

Niagara Falls
Aug 10/98

Friend Edison

Can I trey your kindness to inform me as to the responsibility of Mr Wm Mac Mahon he speaks familiarly of you & is ostisicating here with a friend of mine who cannot afford to be had & would like to know if he is generally on the square or the reverse.

Could I tempt you to leave your Laboratory for a brief time & make one a visit I am Bro Postmaster & West Union Agitator here Come & see one of your poor friends if you would avoid that "nervous prostration" spoken of in Ye Herald

Honest now Pomeroy and Calahan furnishing you brains on the sly

Yrs Truly P. H. Shaughnessy

J. C. REIFF,

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, Augt 10th 1877

Dear Batchelor

I notice letter
re: this Ans for Edison.
I presume you will retain it
until his return?
When do you expect him?

Yours
J. C. Reiff

J. C. REIFF,

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, Aug 12th 1878

My dear Edison.

As you may reach home before Lecture (I am to be absent this week) please remember Dent to see you regarding your unfortunate misunderstanding with Preece —

Dent to shew you what I wrote some time since about it to London.

Yr Jas

Address yourself to
What you write
How are things progressing
in the Suits

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., _____ 187

No 3 Fairpoint N.Y. 12

Mr Edison or Secty – Ms.

Mr Edison Announced for Chautauqua August twentieth when will he arrive.

J. H. Vincent

11 Jd.

N.Y. 8-25 pm.

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 13 1878

J. H. Vincent Fairpoint N.Y.

Mr Edison is in Ogden Utah Doubtful about his being with you twentieth

S. L. Griffin

14 Collect

9 30 pm
9 MK

San Rosita 1 9 86

T. A. Edison

Menlo Pk

You are pleased and announced
for the Elder Aug. Monteith
when bill for Price

J. A. Vincent

Forwarded from Ojai

THE AMERICAN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Form No. 3

EDISON. 1 N.Y. T. A

8 am

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 15 1878

Menlo Park Ofc

Yours of 12th to Edison signed Griffin undelivered E 50 miles away fishing

Rawlins Wy Ty

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1

Rawlins Wy Ofc

Please get Msg of 12th to Edison soon as possible

Menlo Park Ofc

8 AM
9. Ba.

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Charles Batchelor

T. A. EDISON.

2 Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 15 1878

NP

Operator Rawlins Wy.

Can you get these messages to Edison very important.

~~Griffin~~ ~~Batchelor~~

Batchelor

JPH

Mr 8 41

My 3.23 pm

T. A. EDISON. 5 7 85

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 15 1878

Rawlins Wy 15

Batchelor Menlo Park N J

Edisons whereabouts not Exactly Known Can start messenger on their trail will probably find him about Saturday Will cost twenty five dollars will you give order on Edison or guarantee payment

Manager

81 7 9

T. A. EDISON. 7 S. L. Griffin 7/30 Pm

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 15 1878

Manager Rawlins Wy

Deliver Telegrams and mail matter any ~~letter~~ to Edison by special Messenger Collect Charges for delivery we guarantee Answer

Griffin

1850

7 30
9 7
1 19

T. A. EDISON.

10 30 PM

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 15 1878

Rawlins Wy 15

Griffin Menlo Park N J

Special messenger starts early tomorrow morning Manager

6 DH
MK 4

Craig

Rawlins Wyo 8/15

T. A. Edison

I made a bargain with this messenger to deliver this to you for $20.00 he supposing it to be more than 70 of 70 miles away. I think you should be for this but will probably want some thing of me

Yours truly

Craig

Berger

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

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T. A. EDISON. 707 S. L. Griffin

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 16 1878

T. A. Edison Rawlins Wy

Adams Cables again "Humbugged by Herz and Beetle Yesterday's Cables No weight" – Puskas Cables "Prospect for disposing french telephone patent extremely good though Herz and Beetle trying hard to spoil it – Beetle secured pen for Herz great pity –
I advise your coming home at once on account of Mrs Edisons health –

S Griffin

S 1 DH

5-07

8 Jy

T. A. EDISON. 3

Menlo Park, N. J., 187

N York 16
Thomas A. Edison
What time tomorrow
Can you see myself
And a friend
Benj F Butler
10 pm
1st Am Hotel
7 Jy

T. A. EDISON. 3

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 16 1878

Benj F Butler
5th Ave Hotel NY.

Mr Edison is in Wyoming
will not return until
next week

S. L. Griffin

11 paid
Chg to acct

5 48 P
Aug 9 Ty

Innsbruck Tyrol
Aug. 16th 1878.

My dear Sir,

I hope you have by this time returned from your trip West and are busy again perfecting your inventions. From M. Puskas in Paris I have an other letter stating that he cannot send me any Telephones, because he has not begun manufacturing them as yet, you have not been kind to send me those you said you would. I have now on hand several orders for the first Gov't mines in Pribram in Bohemia & Siebenbürgen, could introduce them into Gov't offices. I have several Bell Telephones on hand, but do not like to send them because I know yours are best. Also in my own mines I shd like to

have them. If I only had the right kind of carbon disks, I could have them make hasp and pay the Co. or to you the Royalty. I see that Gray as well as McTighy have patented over speaking Telephones but I know nothing about them. In this out of the way town it is very difficult to know what people are doing elsewhere. I have made two small appearance Microphones, second Female moving slightly in carbon basis but find the sounds in the Magnetic Telephone to be unnatural and metallic. Musical sounds specially (I used a small musical box) jar the ear. I think that your compressed and fin carbons are what is wanted. There, dear Sir, let me have a few of your Telephones at an early date. —

In regard to your Megaphone I beg to state that my friends all ask me where that instrument can be had. Please let me know how far you have developed this invention, if possible let me have a few and state the price. —

Of your Phonographs I hear nothing more. I saw in the Sci. Am. that he had published a description how the Phonographs are made, I sent the Money the Money to get a description. Why can you not send me one for exhibition? I am willing to pay for it and or, if you like, to pay a royalty from the proceeds to you, or the Co. or to W. Pinkus. —

I inclose a letter to the Edison Phonograph Co. to hope you will be so kind to include them to give me an answer. —

Now my dear Sir, please
let me know at once
what you can do for
me. Mr. E. A. Hale, who
I have given a letter for you
, who has been Editor of
the Journal of Commerce
in Mpls knows me well &
can give you suffit. reference.
Hoping for a kind reply
& wishing you full success
I remain, as ever

Yours truly
A. A. Hay

Prof. T. A. Edison
Menlo Park
N. J.

New-York Aug. 18th. 1878.

Dear Sir—

The Polytechnic department of the American Institute was exceedingly disappointed the last season, in not having you present a second time. But I apologized for you,—knowing how occupied you probably were with scientific investigations—

Next Month, after a recess of some Months, deliberations will re-commence. Now the question is,—can you again gratify a host of friends by appearing at the Polytechnic on Thursday evening Sept. 19th or Thursday the 26th? Take any topic you choose. Any of your apparatus simply exhibited, or especially the Telephone, would be received with enthusiasm.

A letter was received from my Son, Dr Edward S.,—last evening, who is travelling now in Austria, having been very extensively over Europe since you exchanged a letter with him last Spring. He says he has heard no name so frequently mentioned as yours over wherever

he goes,—and being an American he is supposed to be able to give more information than he is persuaded in regard to the surprising discoveries of his distinguished countryman.

You must visit Europe. It would open to your active view a new world for exploration. You need not lecture or speak in public at all. You are heralded, and the savans and societies would vie with each other in marked attentions. You need not be burdened with apparatus, for abroad they have copied, I suspect, pretty much whatever you may have devised in illustrating properties emanating from your fertile brain. Simply being introduced to philosophers as you come passing from one city to another, would convince you how genius is prized all over the globe, and originality honored whenever civilization and science have been received.—

Very respectfully, I have the honor to remain Yours,

S. H. Smith,
President, Polytechnic Association,
20 Irving Place

T. A. Edison, Esq.,

If I can get time will write more.

T. A. EDISON.

701

Recd 7 pm.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 19 1878

Laramie Wy 19

S. L. Griffin Menlo Park

Telegraph Vincent impossible on way home

T. A. Edison

6.57 N.Q.

S. L. Griffin

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 20 1878

E. H. Brown Esq
Mgr St Louis

Dear Sir.

On account of illness in Mr Edisons family, and the fact that I have telegraphed him to return at once, I do not think he will visit St Louis. Will you kindly return the letter which I sent to him in your care: Sorry for having troubled you, I remain

Very Truly
S. L. Griffin

T. A. EDISON. V T. A. Edison

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 21 1878

Chicago 21

S. L. Griffin Menlo Pk

Leave for St Louis tonight and home Friday T. A. Edison

7 DH
2 9

T. A. EDISON. No V S. L. Griffin

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 21 1878

E. H. Brown
Mgr St Louis Mo

Mr Edison will be in St Louis tomorrow morning S L Griffin

8 XDH

4/15
8 9.14.

T. A. EDISON. (701) S.W. Sewell

Menlo Park, N. J., _____ 187

No. 2 –

New York 21

Chas Batchelor Menlo Park

~~Cat~~ when will mr Edison return

S. W. Sewell

Grand

T. A. EDISON. No 1 Charles Batchelor

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 21 1878

S W Sewell
76 Chambers st N Y

Friday or Saturday
C Batchelor

4 Collect

7-10 Pm
8-06

Blank No. 1.

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**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

No. 100 Ch

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A. R. BREWER, Sec. (AMOS STAGER, Vice-Pres't, Chicago, Ill.) WILLIAM ORTON, Pres.

Dated Chicago Ills. Recd at N. E. cor. Third and Olive Streets, ST. LOUIS, MO. Aug 22 1878. 12 M

To Thos A Edison

Lindell House

Beetle writes = Edison has Carried off the Grand prize, of The paris exposition = Art = Industry = mechanics Etc Each have a Grand prize but above all These is the great prize. The Grand prize of all Brick

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

George H. Bliss

Blank No. 1.

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To

Edison gets. Hold up on Beetle Till You see me. Have sent prof Baikers pass

Geo H Bliss

50 DH

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**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

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No liability attaches to MISTAKES in messages not delivered by reason of the sender under the conditions named above.

A. R. BREWER, Sec. ANSON STAGER, Vice-Pres't, Chicago, Ill.; NORVIN GREEN, Pres.

RM

Dated New York 22

To Col Chowry St Louis

Rec'd at N. E. cor. Third and Olive Streets, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Aug 22 1870.

Please ascertain when Mr Edison will return to New York

G B Prescott

GBP
ce E

**READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.**

Mr Edison

What reply should I make to Mr Prescott

J M McMichael
for Col Chowry

Aug 22

New York, Aug 13 '78

J.A. The Silver is let people have used a quantity of Water from Lake Superior mixed for our illumination — Let me know what I shall do with it. Yr

J. C. Kieff

T. A. EDISON. No 1 2 Pm

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 23 1878

Washington DC 23

Thos A Edison Menlo Park N.J.

Who manufactures Carbon in Philadelphia Answer at my Expense

P. O. Jenkins

Paid
T.A.E.

T. A. EDISON. No 1

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 23 1878

P. O. Jones Wash DC.

Dont know of any Carbon manufacturer in Phila

T. A. Edison

Collect

2.05 E. St.

Ans'd aug 24 78

N. Y. Aug. 23. 78
311 E. 10th St.

Dear Sir,

In response to an article written by me for the 'Belletrists Teachers Journal' a German Weekly of extended circulation here & abroad, we have been receiving numerous inquiries as to the nature & cost of your apparatus, enabling people who are deaf or nearly so to hear.

Would you be kind enough to let me know

1. Size
2. Application
3. Price
of the same?
You will thereby
greatly oblige

Yours very re-
spectfully

Geo. W. Rachel M.D.

A. Prescott

SAINT LOUIS,

Iron Mountain & Southern

RAILWAY.

A. PRESCOTT, Ticket Agt.

TICKET OFFICE, COR. MAIN AND PLUM STS.

St Louis, Aug 22 1878

Prof Edison

Dear Sir

I called upon Jim at Jones Hotel yesterday and learning that you were so much engaged, I retreated in good order.

Understanding that you will remain over until Monday, Mrs Prescott and myself would deem it a great pleasure, if Jim will dine with us on Sunday at Three O'Clk, Mrs Prescott is especially anxious as she wishes to speak with Jim about George

SAINT LOUIS,

Iron Mountain & Southern

RAILWAY.

A. PRESCOTT, Ticket Agt.

TICKET OFFICE, COR. MAIN AND PLUM STS.

St Louis, _____ 187

our Son, Mr. Lee Dennis is No 1116 D Carondelet Avenue; By taking the 4th Street and Chatean Ave car Jim will be landed at my door, He shall have no other to dinner

With regards

Yours Truly

A Prescott

T. A. EDISON. 2 T. A. Edison 145

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 24 1878

Chicago 24.
A L Griffin

Will be home monday
T. A. Edison

4 27.
49

J. C. REIFER.

No. 52 BROADWAY,

New York, Aug. 7th 1878

My dear Edison -

I hear you have had a glorious time — I heard you model that gunman who did not know enough to call for the density of silver mine water, but he has not put in an appearance. He is in my office waiting his call.

I have received finally, the answer of A.T.P. from Lind —

They say they never gave Pennington leave to pay for all your interests including automatic. This is cool eh!

We will soon settle them now — I am having copies of answer made and will send you one, possibly tomorrow.

They refuse to give me printed copies.

There also the answers of Western Union Co. & Prescott — They repeat their old charge of fraud & conspiracy — I must have one

We have to be very careful in dealing with these people.

Come off & see us when you get back.

Yours truly

J. C. Reifer

Sandown Isle of Wight
Aug 26th 1898

Dear Mr Edison,

I have had your letter of the 2nd inst. sent to me here, and I have now the pleasure of sending you the "pamphlet" asked for. You will find it a collection of the various articles upon your instrument.

It is a very remarkable circumstance that tho' we have had orders out for

the Superior Knots,
for many months
we have not yet
had a delivery
the makers not
succeeding in making
them perfect. We
are however promised
some almost immediately

We have sent out
the Knot to Liverpool
& other Towns but
I am sorry to say
that the Expences
have been more
than the Receipts. We
have however obtained
several orders.

I should be much
obliged to you, if you
could send me over
a sample of one which
could be produced
cheaply by you for
our Christmas Trade
of course it would be
wanted as soon as
possible to order from.
It appears to me that
in America your perfection
of Machinery is so

Great Nelson can produce
the screw so much
more perfect at a low
price than our Bran
Cam. It might be
a nice looking Snot.
The one sent before was
rather rough. I think
if the point of the screw
on a pin of metal
which works in two
grooves. it is better than
the old arrangement.

I am sorry Bell there
has been such a
difference between
you & Mr Preece and
Mr Hughes. I cannot my
self decide upon the
abstract merits of the
case between you. My
firm has had some
of the small Microphones
but they have not
done £2 worth of
sales in them. Bell
have fixed such a
heavy price upon
their Telephones that
they are almost pro
hibitive.

I hear you have
been mounting some

extraordinary Insects lately exciting the wonder of the scientific world. I think you will be able to perfect them; and if there are any of them we can work commercially I shall be happy to do so. I am

Dear Mr Edison

Yours faithfully

Geo. J. Mottay

Mr Ta Edison

PS We had the Phono: ~~[illegible]~~ at the British Assn for Advancement of Science in Dublin. It created great interest.

[COPY FOLLOWS]

18, Belgrave Square,
Monkstown.

Co. Dublin
Aug 26.

Dear Sir,

I am very grateful
for your kind words
in your discussion: if not
I will send them to you if you
will allow me. Having been
asked to deliver the opening
address at the chief meeting

N.B. A copy of the letter sent by the Board

[COPY FOLLOWS]

Scientific Institution in the
Midland Counties of England
"The Midland Institute" at
Birmingham on Sept. 30.
next, & also at the meeting
known under Institution
on Oct. & the Royal Institution
at Hull on Jany. I have
selected the subject of

"Mr Edison & some of his
Discoveries" — I am
therefore anxious to bring
upon the platform here an
exposition of your work with
experimental illustrations.
If you will kindly aid
me in this I shall be
deeply obliged, as my
lecture will be ~~[illegible]~~ briefly

[COPY FOLLOWS]

If you can think, perhaps you would interest him
and get a paragraph from you about the instrument
published in the London Times;
at more fully in the provincial
papers & subsequently republished
I am anxious to have the
latest & fullest information.
Can I show your "Experiments"
& your "telephone"? I hope to
arrange for a photograph
with the Hensoldt Company

Believe me
Yours truly
(Professor) W. F. Barrett

[COPY]

T. A. EDISON.

Copy

~~Menlo Park, N. J.~~, 187

Dublin Ireland Aug 26, 78

Dear Sir

You may possibly have seen my articles in Nature and ~~Popular Science~~ (a copy of the latter I send by this mail) on your discoveries, if not I will send them to you if you will allow me. Having been asked to deliver the opening lectures at the chief Scientific Institute in the Midland Co of England the Midland Institute at Birmingham on Sept 30 next and also at the well known London Institute in Oct and the Royal Institute at Hull in Jany, I have selected the title of "Mr Edison & some of his discoveries" I am therefore anxious to bring before the public here an epitome of your work with Experimental illustrations. If you will kindly aid me in this I shall be deeply obliged as my lecture will be briefly reported in the London Times and more fully in the provincial papers and subsequently republished. I am anxious to have the latest and fullest information. Can I show your Tasimeter and your Telephone I hope to arrange for the phonograph with the Star Co

Believe me

Yours Truly

(Prof) W. F. Barrett

If you have an agent here perhaps you would instruct him or could I procure from you direct the instruments named

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F. W. JONES, Cor. Secretary.
Offices, Washington and LaSalle Streets,
UNION BUILDING.

Chicago, August 27th 1878

Prof. T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

We hope to be able to get No. 4 Journal of our Society in press by Oct 15th and your promised article will be awaited anxiously. We expect to give you the place of honor in our Journal and do not suppose that you will oppose any action of the Society in placing your distinguished name on its Honorary List. The Facsimile Cuts were received. Perhaps as they have so thoroughly gone the rounds you would prefer giving something fresher to our Publication which typographically is said to have few Equals: and scientifically is receiving very high consideration.

Please do not forget us.

Yours Respectfully

F. W. Jones

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited.
16 Broad Street

New York 27. Aug. 1878

Friend Edison.

I am glad to hear you have safely up from your western trip. I suppose you have had a good time. I have sent your message to Gouraud OK.. I want to have a few words with you when you are in the City next time, Call in and see me.. Should like to see you Wednesday or Thursday if it is convenient as I may be leaving for a few days after that.

Very truly yrs.
Geo Ward

T. A. EDISON. (1) 2 4 PM. Edison in Fox

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 28 1878

M/28
T A Edison Menlo Park
Lockyer sails tomorrow morning
he would like to meet you at
Century Club tonight if you
cant come telegraph him
there he is Drophens guest
Edwin M Fox

25/paid
Co. G.

T. A. EDISON. (2) 2/01 S. L. Griffin 4 PM

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 28 1878

T A Edison Phone C 205 Broad N Y

Receive the following.
Lockyer sails tomorrow morning
he would like to meet you
at Century club tonight
if you cant come telegraph
him there he is Drophens guest
Signed Fox

Griffin

Sold

4:10 PM
GC

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 28 1878

C. M. Fox
Herald Office NY

Say to Loeser Very sorry
last train left ere telegram
received

T. A. Edison

12 N.Y.

7.46 PM
9-Ty-

P. J. Borum
Wm. P. Borum

P.O. BOX 4541

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~~New York~~ Aug 29 1878

Newark, N.J.

Mr Thos Edison

Dear Sir

I suppose you nearly forgotten me if not entirely. I am P. J. Borum the young man who got the high K. of way & assisted Kanfson in running the circuits for the News Reporting Co in the City. (Night you stopped) My object in addressing you is to appeal to your sympathy & generous disposition although it may be already — freatly appealed to. But my situation is such that if you was fully aware of it I know you would have been

afflicted greatly since last [illegible] in consequence of lung disease & unable to earn a dollar & am destitute. the doctor has forbid me to take any indoor position and I am not strong and can not procure anything out doors. But if I had the small sum of ten dolls. I could purchase a small stock of goods that I am familiar with & thus get a start. there is no one I am acquainted with here that could loan to me. Now if you could & would confer that favor upon me, I would pledge myself to repay it at the first opportunity. Pardon my presuming to ask you for so much of favor. I feel so [illegible] about you. [illegible] happening to see an article stating you had been awarded the

Grand medal at Paris. How is Mrs Edison? ask her if she remembers the Surprise Party we were trying to get up when she was returning to Ragsdale(?) in the old Dusty(?) Building.

Hoping to hear from you I am very Resp.

P. H. Boorum(?)
110 Skifford(?)

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T. A. Edison. Esq
Dear Sir

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your honored favor of 27th inst, and feel highly gratified at the expression of your willingness to visit us with a view of examining our plans for a wave power marine engine. We shall expect your coming with the liveliest anticipations of mutual interest and delight, remaining

Yours very Truly

Henry Gerner & Son

Jersey City N.J. August 29th 1878

Thos A Edison Esq

My Dear Sir

We learn from an article published in to days "Sun" that you are obliged to keep constantly on hand a stock of pure tobacco for the use of Malefactors. General depredators, and visiting scientists.

Permit us to present you for your own personal use a package of "Gold Bars" which you may consider as entirely an appreciation of your personal merit

Very Respectfully yours
P. Lorillard & Co.
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"musty tobacco to
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John H. Beer

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267 Broadway, N.Y.

New York August 27th 1877

Mr. Edison,

Dear Sir:

Please send me a Telegram stating when I can interview you today with regard to your Quad which is about completed.

Respectfully Yours

John H. Beer
164 Bleecker St
N.Y.

John H. Beer
164 Bleecker St
NY

Amd by Tel Respt v. Comdnt
first Rim.

Applebaugh

Manager,
HILDRETH L. HOWETSELL,
CHARLES A. CHENEY.

P. O. Box 5020.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW YORK,

203 BROADWAY,

New York, Aug 29 1878

Friend Edison

Mr Beer of 164 Bleecker St. wishes you to send him a telegram ~~who~~ stating where he can see you to-day with regard to your bust which about completed —

Yours
Applebaugh

BOYD ELIOT,
MECHANICAL ENGINEER,
Expert in U. S. Courts,
SOLICITOR OF PATENTS,
N. Y.

REMOVED TO 44 EAST FOURTEENTH STREET,
(UNION SQUARE.)

New York, Aug. 29th 1878

Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Mr Collier of Phila the atty for Feely wished me to ask when you could go to see the motor which is now working very well since the telegraph I called at the North Office and Mr Speed was reported as on his vacation hence I cannot tell Mr Collier or Feely when to be ready

If you can spare me a few minutes Saturday I will call at Menlo Park if the weather is pleasant. I wish to chat a little about a new application of electricity

Boyd Eliot

T. A. EDISON. 2 11.20 Am

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 29 1878

NY 29 Thos A Edison M Park

Can you accompany me to see Keely's motor Saturday

Boyd Eliot
44 East 14th St

14 paid
C G

T. A. EDISON. 2

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 29 1878

Boyd Eliot
44 East 14th St NY

I have promised to go with Mr Speed of the World call on him

T. A. Edison

15 Collect

1127
G A

T. A. EDISON. 3 4104

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 29 1878

NY 29 T A Edison M Park
When do you go to Phila
Boyd Elliot
44 East 14th St

10 paid
Cy

T. A. EDISON. 4

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 29 1878

Boyd Eliot
44 East 14th St NY

That depends upon Mr Speed
Ascertain from him
T. A. Edison

9 Collect

430 pm
Cy Co

T. A. EDISON. 1 1102

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 30 1880

Phila 30

T. A. Edison

Will call on you this afternoon

C B Collier

6 paid 4q

T. A. EDISON. 1

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 30 1880

Boyd Eliot
44 East 14th St N.Y.

I will not be here tomorrow When I go to Phila am in duty bound to go with Mr Speed,

T. A. Edison

20 ISH.

11 10
9 N

T. A. EDISON. 2 1.20 pm

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 30 1878

NY 30
T A Edison M Park
Mr Speer is away and probably will not return to New York I would be glad to go with you to Keeley's Monday if you will go I will take Eleven a m train for Menlo
D V Lynch

Expais
Rtg

T. A. EDISON. 3

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 30 1878

D V Lynch
Wonrd office NY
Collier just visited me, Keeley only willing to show pressure I will not go until he works an Engine
T A Edison

20 Collect

273
9 et

**Stevens Institute of Technology,**

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY.

Aug 30th. 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir

Admiral Rogers of the Light House Board is desirous of making some experiments with your sound horns or Megaphone as a means of recognizing sound signals.

Any such experiments would of course accrue to your benefit and I presume that you would therefore be glad to have them made.

Will you order the apparatus to be made for the Light House Board or give me the address of the people who made the set you sent to Washington that I may order them directly and save you the trouble. It is desirable to supply them as soon as possible as they can be more conveniently used now than later in the season.

Allow me to congratulate you on your new honors and on your safe return from the western wilds uninjured by the tin cans and other savage game of the plains.

Sincerely yours F. E. Morton.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
AUG 30 1878
WASHINGTON, D.C.

My dear Li

Sorry not to have seen you yesterday but could not stop at Mr R—

very glad to hear your trip has benefited you. Wish I should like to have seen you going for that stuffed rabbit!!!!

Ill be in city Wednesday have instructed executive & bring there —

I want you to go down to Wentworth Hill next Saturday for



& see Megaphone work, it needs some troubles overcome & will be a big thing —

I enclose a few photos of the view down the beach where our line is run — Patch can explain location —

The hotels close up on 15th Sept — & it is important — vital to have you on the ground one or two days to direct further tests! Bear this in mind — more when I see you!

Yr

W. Bonelli

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You should see the Phonomotor I have made with mica diaphragm & cowbell lower posts & directly to diaphragm. a mere insinuation sets it a whirl! I am building a coffee mill! for it runs!

WHP

T. A. EDISON. 1

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug. 31 1878

S Bergman
104 Wooster St
NY

Come out this afternoon if possible
T. A. Edison.

6 PM

11:30 P M

T. A. EDISON. No 2 Np 120 Pm

Ny 31 Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 31 1878

T Edison

Bergman cant go today Telegraph authority Exhibit phonometer Kurtz guide its advertise Sunday papers

Johnson

14/and
Ok. T.

T. A. EDISON. 2

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 31 1878

Johnson
203 Broadway NY

All right go ahead with phonometer

Edison

Collect

1 4½ Pow of Sol

From JAMES REDPATH, University Building, Washington Square, New York City.

[August 31]

Dear Mr Edison:

I wish you wd send me in a small bottle 2 ounces of the fluid as I want to make some exhibitional not scientific experiments with it.

Yrs tly Jas Redpath

AUG. 31ST, 1878.

T. A. EDISON ESQ.

MEMLO PARK, N.J.

DEAR SIR;

I SENT YOU BY EXPRESS THIS WEEK THE WATER TELEPHONE.

LET ME KNOW IF IT COMES TO HAND ALL RIGHT.

THE TELEGRAPH PUBLISHED SOME MATTER ABOUT YOU THIS LAST WEEK.

I SEND YOU A COPY OR TWO.

MR. PERCY WHO TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THE TYPE WRITER PRESS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARTICLE.

RESPECTFULLY,

Geo. H. Bliss

GEN. MAN.

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American and Foreign Patents,
Corner Ninth and G Streets,

P. O. Box, 658.

Washington, D. C., Aug 21st 1878

T. A. Edison Esq
Dear Sir -

I want to suggest an idea for you to develope.

Now we know that the electric light is beginning to be used, and in connection with some other parties I am proposing to introduce it here. We have a charter pending before Congress which will no doubt be passed early in the coming session.

What is wanted now is some means by which the current from the machine can be made to supply a series of smaller carbons, so that the light can be substituted for gas in the rooms of ordinary dwellings - or made to light a row of lamps along a street. As I understand, the most they have got done is to send the current thro' four & six street lamps. So far, it is only available for large individual lamps.

Now why cannot a main conductor be arranged, so that each lamp, in a long series, shall take off a given quantity - just so much as it may need, and the balance pass on & supply others beyond?

I am not an electrician, although an inventor in other lines; but it seems to me, that it can be done, and I know of no one so likely to do it as yourself - hence this note. If it can be, it will be of great value; and we shall be very glad to take hold of it, or have you interested with us if you should desire.

I refer you to Mr. Chauncey Smith, and Governor Hubbard of Boston, also the Comr. of Patents, or any member of the Patent Committee of the House or Senate.

I am going to Cincinnati today, but shall visit N.Y. this fall, and if not objectionable, should be much pleased to visit you at your place.

Yours Truly W. C. Dodge.

Please give a copy of this argument to each of the Pat. Committees, Senate & House, in favor of any patent system.

Yours, S. Cunningham

33, Lafayette Place
N.Y. City, Aug 31st 1878.

Mr Thos A. Edison
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir:

I am sorry to trouble you with an addition to the long list of letters which have come, unbidden, with various demands, from that of reading a 1000-page manuscript - to a hint as to the propriety of lending $10.00 to the inventor of a gravi-motor. I should not trespass upon you, had I not already made all reasonable efforts to obtain what I wish from those who, it seems, might be able to serve me.

With a view to expounding the subject of telephonics and allied inventions to my classes during the coming autumn and winter, I have lately been spending some of the summer holidays in experimenting on them. Besides a pair of very fair Bell telephones, I have made several forms of the "Hughes Microphone", and obtained moderately good results, using gas-carbon or graphite. I have thought that a slight modification of your carbon telephone would be more effective than the "Microphone", but have tried in vain to get the means of putting this to the test, — to obtain, for example, good effects in auscultation. At the W.U. Telegraph Office I tried to buy a carbon telephone, but was informed that the Company would only rent them; that Prof. George F. Barker and myself were the only ones who had made this special request, and some delay must occur before the matter can receive the attention of the Directors. I tried to get from Mr Phelps a few cakes of the compressed lamp-black which you employ, but he did not feel authorized to issue any of them. Several efforts to see your assistant, Mr Batchelor, have been unavailing.

If my request be not improper, would you do me the kindness to mail to me, at my expense, say three or four cakes of the compressed lamp-black. Indeed I should like to

W. LeConte Stevens

obtain one of these ready for introduction into a mouthpiece, with Platinum foil, Aluminum button, and disk.

It is but due to you to state that I am in no way connected with any business enterprise, and with the articles just mentioned exclusively for experimental purposes. You can refer to President Barnard, of Columbia College, Prof. Geo. W. Coakley, Prof. of Math. & Nat. Phil. Univ. of City of N.Y., Mr. Lewis M. Rutherford the astronomer, and to my uncles President John LeConte and Prof. Joseph LeConte, of the Univ. of California, whom you may have seen during your recent western trip.

Very Respectfully, Yours
W. LeConte Stevens.

Cuman —

Will call at Western

Tomorrow

T A Edison

Will be at Gold & Stock

Telegraph Co's 222 Sansome St.

9 a.m. tomorrow

T A Edison

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GEO. B. RIEMAN,

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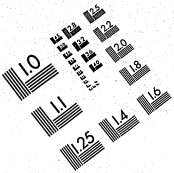

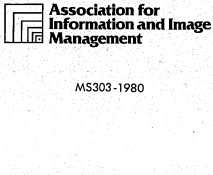
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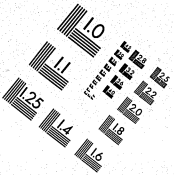

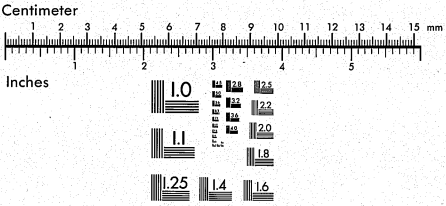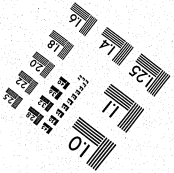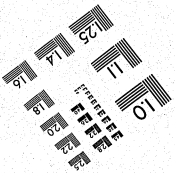
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